

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting.

Recreation Board members present: Brent Roalson, Maribeth Manigold, Ryan Cantilin, Randy Bretag, Sarah Nanouski, Melissa Hulse, Amanda Lynch

Other City Officials attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Mayor Hasty

Recreation Board Members Absent: Phil McNally, Jason Rix, Steve Brenbarger

1. Approved September minutes. Maribeth motions and Melissa seconds, all in favor and motion passed.
2. Approved September recreational financial report. Sarah motions and Ryan seconded. All in favor and motion passed.
3. Guest: None
4. Commissioner's Report: Restructuring Marla's Department. The city continues to grow so we need to have more than two employees running the parks department. Just splitting it into parks and streets is not going to work anymore since we are expanding. There are a good number of things that the Park board is responsible for that public works has been taking care of. Shelter preservations, boat docks, the public pool, and a few other things that are in the ordinance that we should be handling. So, now we are splitting the department into three different categories, parks, property and streets. Having a full-time Parks and Recreation Director would be beneficial. The intent is that since we are splitting this up three different ways is to be able to allocate things and have things completed in a timelier fashion. Steve Kuhn was a good choice for this position with his background and his long commitment to the board and all his knowledge about the parks. Having someone start to coordinate all of the leagues and field usage is a main goal and to hopefully move the recreation department out of the basement and into its own facility. And then allow us to have more year-round programing, and more senior citizen programing. Hopefully we are able to get a software program that shows field usage and rentals, along with being able to reserve a pavilion and have it all done online. Along with field rentals and agreements that Steve would be in charge of since it is in the rules that we need to have field time for everyone and nobody is getting kicked off the field. When it comes to the pool the park board is supposed to be taking care of it ourselves and not contracting it out to the YMCA like we have been. So, we either need to look into changing the ordinance or taking it back from the YMCA. For shelter reservations possibly incorporating a fee into the rental so that we are able to maintain the shelters would be good. There is one if you are not a resident but then it would hold everyone accountable for the upkeep of the pavilion and not let them trash it. We are hoping to have this program up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup> so that by the teams meeting in February they are able to register for field usage. We are not able to provide the Wolfpack maintenance money because they are a for profit organization. We can put money into the fields since they are city property but we cannot give tax payers money to a for-profit organization.

- a. Steve will also oversee the budget and presenting it in front of the Council for the Board.
  - b. Hopefully we can get individual teams to sign up so we know who is playing on what field and when so that if there is a case of trespassing then we are able to confront them and let them know that it was scheduled for someone else.
5. Directors Report:
  - a. Fall dance on Sunday. We will be setting up starting at 9am. There will be a teacher from Ottawa High School there with volunteers to help.
6. Old Business: Just the bills from Chad Lucas which were previously discussed. We will pay a portion of the field update but that is all.
7. Long Range Planning and Board Goals: Ribbon cutting at 1PM at Allen Park!
  - a. Talked to Tom about an issue at Peck that is going to be addressed with the water cannons. There is some washout with the grass, and it became a mud pit.
  - b. FLOCK cameras are going in! The view is amazing, and they are going well. There will be a press release and a photo opt. to let everyone know that they are in the parks. Maribeth turned in a park inspection to Steve.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – Finally got the correct By-Laws up on the website.
  - b. Financial/Budget (Ryan) – N/A
  - c. Parks (Randy B, Steve) – N/A
  - d. Programs (Maribeth, Ryan, Jason) – N/A
  - e. Leagues (Brent, Phil, Melissa, Jason) – N/A
    - i. We are not having an adult basketball league this season.
  - f. Social Media / Internet (Melissa, Steve, Jason) – N/A
9. New Business: N/A
10. Adjourn: Melissa motion to adjourn and Ryan seconds. All in favor and motion passed.