

February 8th, 2024, Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Brent Roalson, Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, Steve Brenbarger, Melissa Hulse, Maribeth Manigold, Sarah Nanouski, Jason Rix, Ryan Cantlin (Dave Marvin, Director of Ottawa Recreation).

Others City Officials attending the meeting: Tammi Koppen
Recreation Board Members Absent:

Guests: Chris Stone

Chris inquire about the rental fee he paid to hold a Disc golf tournament at the Fox River Disc golf course.

His main request was if he still needed to pay the fee, because of the lack of snow removal from the course that day.

He was told before the tournament that the city may not be able to perform that task in a timely manner.

The tournament was still help on the given date as scheduled; participants paid full entry fees to play in the tournament.

The board informed Chris that he would have to pay the rental fee that secure the course for him on that day.

1. Steve moved to approve the January Recreation minutes. Ryan second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept the January Recreation Financial Reports. Melissa second. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's Report: NONE
4. President's Report –
 - a. Brent welcomed new board Member Sarah Nanouski
5. Director's Report –
 - a. Men's Basketball – Dave reported open Gym play had started, had 16 players the first night.
 - i. Extended two additional night of play (8 total)
 - b. Budget – Dave asked for a motion to approve the 2024/25 Recreation Budget (minus the CIP numbers) which were still being evaluated at the time of this meeting.
 - i. Steve motioned to approve the 2024 / 25 Recreation Budget, Jason Seconded, Motion passed.
 - c. Spring Dance
 - i. April 14 is the date of the dance, band and facilities have been secured.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Outstanding committed money
 - i. NONE
7. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Peck Park progressing as much possible right now.
 - b. Park Inspections – Still looking at Allen Park and remaining work at Peck Park
 - c. Long Range Plans and Review – Continued focus on current Peck Park Project

8. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Ryan) – None
- c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) –
 - i. Randy asked for Park inspections, handed out a form.
 - 1. Dave said he would try to turn the form into a digital form/ survey that could be done from member's phone.
 - 2. The board was informed that 1100 rounds of Disc golf was played at the Ottawa Parks Disc golf course with participants from multiple states, including 106 first time players to the course / area.
 - ii. Phil reported that the Parks Brochure were still a work in progress.
- d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) –
 - i. Meeting with all teams up coming.
 - ii. First draft on dug outs at Lincoln Douglass fields presented
- e. Leagues – (Phil, Brent, Kari, Melissa) –
 - i. League committees, moving forward. Meeting soon
- f. Social Media / Internet
 - i. Held first meeting (before the board meeting)
 - 1. Hard to locate website on the internet, need to add Illinois to the title.
 - 2. Consent forms for photos of children in the summer needed.
 - 3. Social media admin rights need to switch to a City employee / Board member.
 - A. Turn off Comments on social media
 - B. Need Rec Board members email added to the website page.

9. New Business –

- a. Board went into executive session to discuss personnel.
- b. Board returned from executive session.
 - i. No action was taken at this time.

10. Meeting adjourned.

- a. Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Seconded. Motion passed.