

September 12th, 2024, Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting.

Recreation Board Members Present: Brent Roalson, Phil McNally, Jason Rix, Maribeth Manigold, Randy Bretag, Steve Brenbarger, Sarah Nanouski, Melissa Hulse, Amanda Lynch.

Other City Officials attending the meeting: Marla Pearson, Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent: Ryan Cantilin

- I. Approved August minutes. Steve moved to approve. Maribeth seconded. All in favor and motion approved.
- II. Approved August Recreation Finance Report. Jason moved to approve. Steve seconded. All in favor and motion approved.
 - a. Fixed the placement for two of the items into the correct areas. Donation went under special, and the storage benches went under Youth Organizations.
- III. No Guest
- IV. Commissioners Report: Update on Parks. Ribbon cutting for Allen Park hopefully here at the end of September. Marla asked Phil to investigate getting quotes for the art sculptures down at Allen Park redone. One quote was \$42,000 and another was \$13,400. Both are reliable contractors, questioning about why there is such a difference in price, but they are both vetted through the Union. The bid is for time and the painting material. Only need to power wash it off no need to sandblast the artwork. We will be splitting the cost with Commissioner Pearson. Motion to approve the split by Phil, Sarah seconded. All in favor and motion approved. Someone asked about possibly repairing the sidewalk down by the shelter in Allen Park. But it might be a bigger project and can be discussed in the future.
- V. Recreation Board President's Report: Meet with FLOCK and by the end of the second week of October all the parks (13 of them) will have an operational camera in them. Technology has increased with them. It now does a whole sweep of the park, now the cameras can track not only vehicles but will also track people and zoom in. Great system to have to help reduce and deter damage to the parks. Footage is kept in the cloud and we can keep it as evidence. Possibly having a meeting with the individuals that have a travel team and/or possibly wanting to start a travel team for field scheduling. The City is working on a plan, not only fields but parks and everything else. We need to have more oversight on all the fields so that we know what is going on and in case there is an argument amongst teams we can figure it out. These fields are public so anyone can use them at any time. It is possibly going to end up online so that others can submit request to use the shelters, or areas of the parks that can be reserved. Better tracking on them so that there is no confusion. We are going to have a press release and photo/ribbon cutting to announce the FLOCK cameras.
- VI. Directors Report: Fall dance is still going and set for the 13th of October from 2pm-4pm. We will be setting up at 9am and then back again at 2pm. Adult softball is going well also.
- VII. Old Business: Allen is the park that is focused on now that Peck is completed.
- VIII. Long Range Planning and Board Goals:
 - a. Constriction in Progress – Allen is still going on strong. OGFA is redoing the bullpens at their park.

- b. Park Inspections – Peck looks great thank you for all the hard work. Fox River Disc Golf just for August there were 168 rounds played. There were people from all over, NY, NC, IL, MI, TN, and MO.
- c. Long Range Plans & Review: N/A

IX. Committee Reports

- a. By-Laws: New ones are still not up on the website.
- b. Financial/Budget: N/A
- c. Parks: Possibly get the porta johns at Thorton Park enclosed so that people will stop tipping them over. We now have accessible porta johns going to all the parks as well. Probably get them enclosed or the cameras will help deter them as well. Soccer and Tennis parents ask about the backboard on the fence removed. It was removed because it is hard on the fence. Possibly looking into getting one put back up in the future.
- d. Programs: N/A
- e. Leagues: Tim is grabbing the two murals from Sanders and Gross and get them repainted. Ameren installed a new pole by the pool for free with new LED lights. But the names on the building need to stay the same because it is a Proclamation by the City to keep them as Gross and Sanders Field.
- f. Social Media/Internet: N/A
- g. New Business: No talk of the pool getting ran by the City. Possibly getting Parks and Rec getting a night for kids to have a night at the pool.
- h. Adjourn: Steve motioned to adjourn. Maribeth seconded. Motion passed.