

February 13, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Tess Burke, Maribeth Manigold, Phil McNally, Rick Leese, Eldon Leemhuis (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Anna Johnson, Director of Riordan Pool)

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Aussem, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: John Levy, Steve Kuhn

Guests Dana Vicich and Julie Johnson asked the board to consider the construction of a second disc golf course in Ottawa.

Lisa Farhrian from Ottawa Girls Fast Pitch addressed the board regarding the field use guidelines for the girls fast pitch diamonds at Peck Park.

1. Maribeth moved to approve the January minutes. Eldon second. Motion passed
2. Eldon moved to accept the January Recreation financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Eldon moved to accept the January pool financial report. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report: None
5. Commissioner's report –
 - a. Council would approve naming the new ball diamond after Commissioner Whitney if the Recreation board recommended it.
 - b. Dog park update
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that Adult basketball was at the season mid-point with few difficulties.
 - b. Mark reported that adult dance had 15 couples at the winter recreation offered at Marquette.
7. Old Business:
 - a. No action taken regarding the field use guidelines
 - b. Discussion of arbor in Walsh Park.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – Phil distributed a breakdown of the spending of the \$400,000 from the city.
 - b. Bike Paths – Phil reminded the board that it had committed \$10,000 to the bike path project.
 - c. Future Parks – none
 - d. Long-Range Planning – none.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) None.
- b. Finance – (Rick) Mark presented the second draft of the 2014-15 Playground and Recreation Budget. The board moved to approve the budget. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
- c. Parks – Eldon – Eldon reminded the board of the proposed long-range improvement plan.
- d. Programs – Phil – The board discussed naming the new field east of Masinelli. Rick moved to name the field after deceased Commissioner Whitney. Tess second. Motion passed.
- e. Pool -- – The board moved to approve the pool budget. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

10. New Business – None

11. Meeting adjourned.