

February 12, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, Steve Kuhn, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Kevin Quick, Tess Burke (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold, Jeane Schafer

1. Eldon moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Tess 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 December Pool financial reports. Kevin second. Board Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – (not required to attend October through April) -- none
5. Commissioner's report – None
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported on the continuation of adult basketball. The season is approximately half completed with no problems so far. Players seem to appreciate the division into competitive and recreation divisions. Mark thanked Marquette for allowing the use of Bader when Love Gym was occupied.
 - b. Winter Rec dance lessons will be held Feb. 15 at Bader from 7 to 9.
 - c. Mark is working with Kim, the city tech director, to get a new computer for the Rec office. The new Rec computer will match the city office computers.
 - d. Summer Rec job ad will be placed at the end of February.
7. Old Business: It appears the city will not need the money approved by the Rec Board to help pay for the pool and Rec center study.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Construction in Progress
 - i. Peck Park ball diamond fencing bids received. All Types bid was the lower of the two.
 - ii. Hollywood park progress will resume when the weather allows.
 - iii. The board discussed installing a drinking fountain at Hollywood. Eldon moved for Phil to facilitate ordering and installing a fountain. Tess second. Roll Call: all AYES. Motion passed.
 - b. Park Inspections -- none
 - c. Park Improvements – Randy reported on his research regarding installation of permanent toilets at parks.
 - d. Long range plan review –none
 - e. Bike paths – none

- f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – City of Ottawa will close on Thornton Park on February 18.
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
 - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) Mark discussed revisions made to the Recreation budget by the city. Steve moved to approve the 2015-16 Playground and Recreation budget. Eldon Second. Roll Call: all AYES. Motion passed.
 - c. Parks – (Eldon) Eldon suggested a variety of improvements to consider at Thornton Park.
 - d. Programs – Phil –
 - i. Phil distributed letters to be sent to the leagues.
 - ii. Outfield fence at south softball field was ruined by snow removal done at IDOT. The fence will be replaced and paid for by IDOT. Rec will pay for improvements above the cost of replacement.
 - iii. Wallace Grade School has expressed interest in using the adult softball fields for its new baseball and softball programs. They will work with Phil to arrange schedules.
 - e. Pool –
 - i. The board discussed the proposed pool budget. Steve moved that the board accept the 2015-16 pool budget. Eldon second. Roll call: All AYES. Motion passed.

10. New Business – none.

11. Meeting adjourned.