

April 9, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Jeane Schafer, Randy Bretag, Phil McNally, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Maribeth Manigold, Steve Kuhn (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Kevin Quick, Tess Burke

1. John moved to approve February meeting minutes. Eldon second: Motion passed.
2. John moved to approve March meeting minutes. Maribeth second: Motion passed.
3. Steve moved accept February Recreation Financial Report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed
4. Steve moved accept March Recreation Financial Report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
5. Eldon moved accept February Pool Financial Report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed
6. Eldon moved accept March Pool Financial Report. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
7. Pool Manager's report – (not required to attend October through April) -- none
8. Commissioner's report – None
9. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported on the end of adult basketball and the championship game of adult basketball.
  - b. Mark reported that he had held the organizational meeting for adult softball. Rosters and Rules were available and attempts were being made to better publicize the program.
  - c. Mark reported that Summer Rec planning of programs was over half completed and brochures were on schedule to be delivered by mid-May. He has collected applications and will begin contacting possible candidates.
10. Old Business: The board discussed the partnership between itself and OHS. John Levy volunteered to investigate how the two entities can better work together.
11. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Construction in Progress –
    - i. a meeting was held to discuss drainage strategies at the new Peck Park field. Based on identified needs, the bid process will now begin.
    - ii. Hollywood Park construction is expected to resume April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Park Inspections – Eldon reported that there were many downed tree branches at Fox River Park.
  - c. Park Improvements – John reported that he had inspected Peck Park and seen few problems. Kevin will report on Varland at the next board meeting.
  - d. Long range plan review –none
  - e. Bike paths – Bids are being taken for painting the new bike path lanes.

- f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none

## 12. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
- b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
- c. Parks – (Eldon) Eldon presented the idea of turning the tennis court area at Thornton Park into a bicycle safety course. The board discussed a variety of ideas regarding Thornton improvements.
- d. Programs – Phil –
  - i. Motioned to approve giving OGFA \$2500 maintenance money for the 2015 season. Eldon Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - ii. Phil presented costs for replacing the safety netting destroyed by a storm over the winter. Total costs for netting and mounting hardware will come to approximately \$1900. Steve motioned to approve replacing the net and purchasing new hardware as presented by Phil. Eldon Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - iii. Phil noted that the tall lift used to assist with installing the netting will also be used to replace lights on Sanders Field and North Side Little League.
  - iv. The left field fence on Gross Field is in the process of being upgraded after being damaged over the winter by IDOT.
- e. Pool – none

## 13. New Business – none.

## 14. Meeting adjourned.