

April 12, 2017 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Phil McNally, Maribeth Manigold, Kevin Quick, Brian Porter, Randy Bretag (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Less

Guests: None

Recreation Board Members Absent: Danielle Piagentini, John Levy, Austin Monroe

1. Phil moved to approve March minutes. Brian second. Motion passed.
2. Randy moved and Danielle second to accept March Recreation financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
3. Maribeth moved and Phil second to accept March Pool financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool: Pool manager not required to attend October through April
5. Commissioner's report:
 - a. Invited the Playground and Recreation Board to the Grand Opening at Dayton Bluffs from 3 to 6pm on May 20th. Announced there will be a fund raiser afterwards at The Lone Buffalo.
 - b. Discussed the possibility of reviving the dog park. The commissioner will investigate costs of creating a dog park.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that the adult basketball finished without incident. Costs should be lower due to Marquette allowing Rec to play the majority of the games at Bader. Mark sent a Thank You letter to Marquette.
 - b. Mark reported on the planning of summer recreation programs. He noted that there were fewer applications the past few years. He also noted that there might be a slight reduction of programs simply because people did not want to run camps.
 - c. Mark told the board that he had sent the letter telling Naplate the board would waive the Naplate fee for the summer due to the tornado.
 - d. Mark reported that adult softball rosters were being distributed and were posted online on the Recreation website. He reported no progress on his attempts to put vending at the fields. Registration is to be held May 10. First games played May 21.
7. Old Business – The board discussed the pickle ball courts.
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – The board discussed Thornton Park. Steve presented a bid for \$1800 to have the brick structures at Thornton Park removed. The board discussed splitting the cost with the City of Ottawa. Maribeth motioned to pay \$900 of \$1800 cost for brick removal with the City of Ottawa paying the other \$900. Phil Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - b. Park Inspections – None

- c. Long Range Plans –
 - i. The board discussed Phase 2 of PIP Park in the Lincoln Douglas complex.
 - ii. The board discussed plans for Whitney Field.
- d. Bike Paths – Commissioner Less stated that bike path striping schedule is unclear due to roadwork schedules.
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Austin) – None
- c. Parks (Kevin and Randy) – The board discussed removal of the tree in centerfield at Whitney Field. Phil noted that he is hopeful the council will approve the removal. Kevin moved to pay up to \$2500 for removal of the tree. Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed. Phil will seek bids for the removal.
- d. Programs – (Phil)
 - i. Phil announced that OGFA had properly submitted all the required paperwork to receive maintenance money. Maribeth moved to pay OGFA \$2500 for maintenance in 2017. Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil announced that Ottawa National Little League had properly submitted all the required paperwork to receive maintenance money. Phil moved to pay Ottawa National Little League \$2500 for maintenance in 2017. Randy Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion Passed.
 - iii. Phil announced that Ottawa American Little League had properly submitted all the required paperwork to receive maintenance money. Phil moved to pay Ottawa American Little League \$2500 maintenance money for 2017. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - iv. Phil announced that Ottawa Pony Baseball had properly submitted all the required paperwork to receive maintenance money. Maribeth moved to pay Ottawa Pony Baseball \$2500 maintenance money for 2017. Phil second. Roll call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - v. The board discussed OGFA’s request for extra maintenance money to make up for extra maintenance due to use of the fields by the high schools. The board suggested OGFA approach the high schools for the majority of the money. Phil motioned to allow OGFA and extra \$200. Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - vi. The board discussed the safety net situation at Ottawa Pony. Maribeth motioned to spend up to \$2500 to purchase a safety net for Pony League at Peck Park. Kevin Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion Passed.
 - vii. Phil reported on improvements at Masinelli and Whitney and asked that OBB be given extra money to cover the extra costs maintaining Whitney. Maribeth moved to grant OBB \$1000 to cover the extra costs. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion Passed.
 - viii. Phil reported on the youth leagues.
 - ix. The board discussed purchasing trees. No action was taken.
 - x. The board discussed outfield fencing at Whitney. No action was taken.
 - xi. The board discussed a proposal by RT Landscaping to mow the adult softball fields in Lincoln Douglass. Kevin moved to accept RT’s proposal

to mow the fields for the cost of \$3200 for the summer and fall seasons.
Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

- e. Pool (Steve) –
 - i. Working on getting the painter to paint the pool
 - ii. Working on inspecting the exhaust fans.

10. New Business – none

11. Meeting adjourned.