

June 8, 2017 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Phil McNally, Maribeth Manigold, John Levy, Austin Monroe, Kevin Quick, Randy Bretag (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation and Tracy Bianchi, Riordan Pool Director).

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Less, Tami Huftel

Guests: Kevin O'Conner, Ed Cahum, Phyllis Summer

Recreation Board Members Absent: Danielle Piagentini, Brian Porter

1. John moved to approve May minutes as revised. Kevin second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved and Maribeth second to accept May Pool financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
3. John moved and Kevin second to table May Pool financial statement pending answer to question regarding \$1000 in payroll under Parks supervisors. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
4. Guest:
 - a. Mr. Cahum addressed the board regarding issues with the way the softball league was being run, and the dress code.
 - b. Ms. Summer addressed the board regarding the concession stand being closed.
 - c. Mr. O'Conner addressed the board regarding lifting the bat ban for competitive leagues.
5. Pool: Tracy reported the following:
 - a. No financial information to report.
 - b. Reported that the pool opened later than planned due to a delay in getting the painting done. The painting was completed by Dean's Dynamic after a previous contractor failed to reply. The painting cost \$16900.
 - c. Pool planning to open June 10. Several rentals have been scheduled.
 - d. All of the equipment has been repaired or replaced. The handicap lift has been tested.
 - e. Tracy requested that board allow her to purchase a new pool vacuum. Phil moved that the board allow Tracy to spend up to \$2500 to purchase a new pool vacuum. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - f. Tracy reported that she had hired a total of 30 guards, including 11 new ones.
6. Commissioner's report:
 - a. Commissioner Less reported on the Ottawa Youth Soccer Club's presentation to City Council. The board discussed the advantages of the Club using Whitney versus the old Central School area.
 - b. The Commissioner reported on the council's adoption of a master plan for Dayton Bluffs.
 - c. The Commissioner reported that Fireworks raffle tickets are available.

7. Director's Report:

a. Adult Softball

- i. The final total of 44 teams is two more than last year's total.
- ii. Concession – the drink vending machine is installed and filled.
- iii. The circuit breaker for Sander's field and lights on the scoreboard have been repaired.
- iv. Mark reported that after research, he and Tim Trumbo, Rec Adult Sports Director, recommend that there be no bat restrictions and that pitchers be allowed unlimited arch. The board discussed the recommendation.
- v. Kevin moved that the board lift the ban on Miken bats for competitive leagues. John Levy second. Motion passed.
- vi. John motioned to eliminate the ban on Miken bats for Recreation leagues and to disallow the use of Senior Bats (SSUSA) in Recreation Leagues. Austin second. Motion Passed.
- vii. Steve ask that the Rec Board Programs Committee review adult softball rules at the end of the season.

b. Summer Recreation Programs

- i. Mark noted that this year Summer Recreation offered 37 programs and 76 sessions.
- ii. The online registration was going smoothly. Mark credited his staff with making the transition smoothly.
- iii. Mark discussed the difficulty in hiring this year. He hired one worker from Grand Ridge due to lack of suitable applications.
- iv. Mark showed the board the Director Policy book with procedures and information to smooth out any succession plan.

c. Senior Harvest Dance. Mark asked the board approve \$1200 to Hire Class Act II to play at the senior Harvest Dance in mid-October. Maribeth motioned to approve the amount. Phil second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

8. Old Business – The board discussed striping a Lincoln Douglas tennis court for Pickleball. Tami has arranged to have the striping done the third week of June.

9. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

- a. Construction in Progress – none
- b. Park Inspections – None
- c. Long Range Plans – None
- d. Bike Paths – West Main striping finished. The Commissioner noted that East Main could be striped when repaving is finished.
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

10. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Austin) – None
- b. Financial (Kevin) – None
- c. Parks (John) – Reported that the tree removal at Whitney was completed.
- c. Programs – (Phil)
 - i. Phil reported that the OHS booster club was not willing to engage in talks to share the cost of finishing the fence at Whitney Field. Phil suggested

that the board take on the cost of finishing the fence. John moved that the board pay \$13000 to finish the Whitney Field Fence. Phil Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

- ii. Phil reported that Hawk Industries had built dugouts for Peck Park Field 4 for the cost of the materials.
 - iii. Phil reported that Halm Brothers had installed a safety net at North Side Little League.
 - iv. Steve noted that the board oversaw approximately 16 acres of fenced-in baseball field. He asked the board to consider other uses for the fields in the off season.
- d. Pool (Danielle) – See pool manager’s report.

11. New Business – The board discussed traffic at the Lincoln Douglas complex.

12. Meeting adjourned.