

June 11, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Randy Bretag, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Steve Kuhn, Maribeth Manigold, Kevin Quick, Jeane Schafer

(Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Phil McNally, Tess Burke

1. Maribeth Moved to approve both April and both May meeting minutes. Steve second. Motion passed.
2. Eldon moved and Steve second to accept April and May Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept both April and May Pool Financial Reports. Eldon second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – Ann unable to attend meeting
5. Commissioner's report
  - a. Bike lane striping is moving forward but would probably be completed later than anticipated due to repaving work.
  - b. Approved a contract with Grand Rapids Excavating to begin work on the new Peck Park softball diamond.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark Reported that the adult softball season began with 44 men's teams and 16 women's teams. Four games per night per diamond were scheduled Monday through Friday.
  - b. Mark informed the board of Tim Bault's resignation effective at the end of the fall adult softball season. Mark distributed copies of the current job descriptions. The board discussed a variety of possibilities for filling or revising the position.
  - c. Mark discussed mail-in and walk-in registration for Registration programs.
  - d. Mark reviewed the ongoing recreation programs
  - e. Mark reviewed the first few days of supervisors at the parks.
  - f. Mark invited the Rec board to choose a Recreation shirt.
7. Old Business: none
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Construction in Progress – none
  - b. Park Inspections – Eldon reported on park graffiti noted during recreation park supervisor park inspections. He also noted the number of dead branches on the ground due to recent storms.
  - c. Park Improvements

- i. John reported that Varland had been cleaned up.
  - ii. The board discussed how to add extra parking at Peck Park
  - iii. Steve suggested chipping the path connecting Adams Street and Peck Park to create a bike and walking path. f
- d. Long range plan review –none
- e. Bike paths – see Commissioner’s report
- f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
- b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
- c. Parks – (Eldon)
  - i. Eldon reported on progress at Hollywood Park
  - ii. The board discussed issues at Thornton Park including electricity in the shelter and the shelter roof. Bob Shull noted that Thornton Park improvements are on his list.
- d. Programs – Phil – The board discussed the severe weather policy of the various leagues. Randy suggested that the board consider asking the leagues to submit an emergency preparedness plan along with their financial information.
- e. Pool – Steve suggested that the board use pool money to refinish the pool parking lot. He asked that a preliminary cost bid be sought.

10. New Business – none

11. Meeting adjourned.