

July 9, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, John Levy, Steve Kuhn, Maribeth Manigold, Kevin Quick, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Anna Johnson, Riordan Pool Manager)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel, Commissioner Less

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Jeane Schafer

1. Steve moved to approve June meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Steve moved and John second to accept June Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept June Financial Reports. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report
  - a. Ann reported that 2015 June attendance was 100 people below last year's June, which was also low.
  - b. Rentals have increased from last year.
  - c. The fire safety inspector found a hot water heater frozen valve, which was replaced. The safety certificate was then issued.
  - d. The state inspection uncovered an issue with chlorine that Ann and Jim are dealing with.
  - e. Ann reported on a number of maintenance issues that she dealt with.
  - f. Ann reported on the closing of the baby pool due to structural deterioration. She presented repair and replacement options, which the board discussed. She will bring cost estimates for a variety of options to the August board meeting.
5. Commissioner's report
  - a. Announced that Marquette football had asked to use city property to practice until their field has recovered from the summer flooding. The board discussed a number of options before recommending the area west of Boyce Memorial and the Whitney Field outfield.
  - b. Commissioner Less reviewed the ongoing discussions with the group spearheading the handicapped playground area.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported the adult softball season will be extended a week to account for make-up games.
  - b. Tim Rassmussen has been hired as the new softball maintenance worker.
  - c. After consulting with board members, Mark is beginning the process of replacing Tim Bault as softball director.
  - d. Mark review summer programs up to this point, noting that the new OHS soccer camp had attracted over 90 participants.

- e. Mark review the parks programs noting that over 200 had attended the magic show and nearly 100 kids had attended Peck Park Picnic. Mark informed that board that his park supervisors had updated their emergency preparedness plans for each park, and each park supervisor now had a copy.
  - f. Mark provided information about ID badges for the board members that would identify them as members of the Rec Board. The board asked Mark to follow up and arrange for the photo badges through the police department.
7. Old Business:
- a. Randy suggested that youth baseball leagues be required to post the lightning detector guidelines in their press boxes.
  - b. Randy volunteered to research and bring back a draft of a policy regarding severe weather response.
  - c. Randy suggested the board purchase a NOAA weather radio for the youth leagues. Mark was asked to look into purchasing the radios.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
- a. Construction in Progress – Hollywood Park equipment is complete. Tami said she would facilitate tree planting at the park.
  - b. Park Inspections – The board asked Bob Shull to mow and weed Hollywood park.
  - c. Park Improvements -- none
  - d. Long range plan review –none
  - e. Bike paths – Bike lanes will be painted after Main Street resurfacing is completed.
  - f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none
9. Committee Reports
- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
  - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
  - c. Parks – (Kevin, Randy)
    - i. Kevin and Randy volunteered to take Eldon’s place as head of parks committee for the Rec board.
    - ii. Phil said that signs at Thornton had been revised to show the park was now owned by the city.
    - iii. Phil said that he had been approached by the OHS Booster Club about splitting the cost of adding benches for the players to Whitney Field. Kevin suggested that the booster club could afford more than they were offering. Phil and Kevin said they would pursue this further.
  - d. Programs – Phil – Phil said he would add asking the leagues to submit an emergency preparedness plan along with their financial information.
  - e. Pool
    - i. Steve presented an estimated cost for putting an overlay on the pool parking lot. Commissioner Less said this could be done as part of the paving work the city is already having done. Steve moved that the board approve spending up to \$36,192 on an overlay for the swimming pool. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed. Commissioner Less will work with Steve to move forward on the motion.

- ii. Steve asked that the city building inspector and city attorney be involved regarding compliance with ADA before the board approves any improvements or revisions to Riordan Pool.

10. New Business

- a. The board discussed two possible new board members, Austin Monroe and Jay Aicher. Mark was asked to write a letter to the Mayor and city council communicating the board's recommendation that both men be approved for the Playground and Recreation Board.
- b. The board discussed continuing its support of the AARP group.

11. Meeting adjourned.