

August 9, 2018 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: John Levy, Maribeth Manigold, Austin Monroe, Phil McNally, Brian Porter, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Tracy Bianchi, Riordan Pool Manager).

Others attending the meeting: Tammy Huftel, Commissioner Less

Recreation Board Members Absent: Danielle Pagano, Kevin Quick, Randy Bretag

1. John moved to approve July minutes, Brian second. Motion passed.
2. John moved to accept July Recreation Financial Report. Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. John moved to accept the July Pool financial report. Brian second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool: Tracy reported the following:
 - a. Reported on July income and July average daily attendance.
 - b. Reported on concession expenses and profits.
 - c. Reported on July attendance, income, and concessions.
 - d. Reported on Rentals.
 - e. Reported on National Night Out.
 - f. Noted that she had posted new bilingual signs to clarify rules
 - g. The pool passed state inspection
 - h. Maribeth reported that Kevin had ordered a ladder for the chemical pool.
 - i. Ameren will begin work on the electrical service to the pool once the pool closes.
5. Commissioner's report:
 - a. The state of Illinois has again funded OSLAD grants. The city council has decided to apply for a grant to improve Dayton Bluffs preserve.
 - b. NUCOR volunteers will be working on Thornton Park improvement on August 25. There is the possibility of a long-term partnership between NUCOR and the city.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Adult Softball –
 1. The summer season ended, and the tournament begins next week.
 2. Fall Softball, Kickball, and Whiffle ball tournament entries are now available.
 - b. Summer Recreation –
 1. The summer recreation season came to a successful conclusion.
 2. Mark presented the summer programs expense report. Overall participation was down slightly, and costs per participant were up slightly, but still similar to past years.
7. Old Business –
 - a. No report about outstanding committed money.
 - b. Phil reported that the bench and plaque for Steve had been ordered.
 - c. The board talked with Mindy McConnaughay, a possible new board member to fill the vacant spot.
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals –
 - a. Construction in Progress -- None

- b. Park Inspections – Kevin provided a worksheet and asked each board member to choose a park and fill out the worksheet about that park. The goal is to think about the future improvement of the park.
 - c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) – None
 - d. Bike Paths – Starved Rock Cycling is working with the city to provide and erect bike safety signs.
 - e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.
9. Committee Reports: Kevin assigned board members to committees.
- a. By-laws (Danielle) – None
 - b. Financial (Austin) – None
 - c. Parks (Brian) – None
 - d. Programs – (Phil and John)
 - i. Phil proposed cement work to be done at Masinelli. He motioned that he be allowed to have the work done not to exceed \$3000. John Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil proposed building a shelter at the North Side Little League diamond on the west side of the field. The cost of the shelter kit only is \$17,000. John moved to allow Phil to proceed with the purchase of the shelter. Brian Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - iii. Phil reported that soccer goals had been order by Ottawa Youth Soccer.
 - e. Pool – None.
10. New Business – Brian presented a proposal by Tom Waldron. Mr. Waldron proposed that the board fund two new batting cages at Masinelli. Brian motioned to accept the proposal and allow Mr. Waldron to proceed at a cost of \$4040. John second. Roll Call: Phil Abstain. All others AYE. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.