

August 10, 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, Danielle Piagentini, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation and Tracy Bianchi, Riordan Pool Director).

Others attending the meeting: none

Guests: Cathy and Dale Long

Recreation Board Members Absent: Brian Porter

1. John moved to approve July minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept July Recreation Financial Report. Danielle second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved to accept the May and June Recreation financial reports. Randy second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Danielle moved to accept the July Pool financial report. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
5. John moved to accept the May and June financial reports. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
6. Guests: Cathy and Dale Long spoke regarding their concern about the safety hazards resulting from the use of enhanced bats in the women's softball league.
7. Pool: Tracy reported on the following:
 - a. Attendance in July
 - b. The concession stand profit in July
 - c. The number of swim passes and rentals
 - d. The revenue derived from entrance fees
 - e. The board discussed improving the safety system in pool chemical area due to James Jobst's injury.
 - f. The board discussed the landscaping in front of the pool.
8. Commissioner's report: None
9. Director's Report:
 - a. Adult Softball
 - i. Rain caused the tournament to start later than it normally does. Tim is hoping to finish by August 25.
 - ii. Mark reported that the vending machine had been vandalized and no longer worked.
 - iii. Mark reported that a couple of people had expressed interest in running the concession stand.
 - iv. Mark asked the board for a decision regarding the use of bats in fall softball. The board directed that recreation league rules would apply in fall leagues. The board recommended face masks for players in the field.
 - b. Summer Recreation Programs
 - i. Programs -- Just over 1700 registrants registered for camps.
 - ii. Parks

1. Parks attendance finished strong with approximately 1500 attending parks and special events.
2. Special Events: Game carnival attendance was over 150, nearly double last year.
- c. Mark reported that Bridges had contacted him and intended to present an application for grant money to Mark to present at the September meeting.

10. Old Business

- a. \$13,000 is obligated for fencing at Whitney Field.
- b. The Rotary project could be a construction project

11. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

- a. Construction in Progress – The board discussed possible sidewalk improvements at Lincoln Douglass complex and at Peck Park. John moved to spend up to \$15,000 to hire an engineering firm to prepare plans and specifications for a 10 foot-wide walking path at Peck Park. Danielle second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- b. Park Inspections – John reported that Rigden had been vandalized and also need more wood chips around the play equipment. Hollywood Park also needed more chips around the equipment.
- c. Long Range Plans – None
- d. Bike Paths – Mark was to pay the bill for the Rec board share of the bike lane striping.
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

12. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Austin) – None
- b. Financial (Kevin) – None
- c. Parks (John) – The walking path around Lincoln Douglas complex was repaired.
- d. Programs – (Phil)
 - i. Phil reported that Ottawa Youth Soccer had registered 230 participants.
 - ii. Phil reported he was in discussion with Mike Cooper, AD at OHS, regarding cyclone fence dugouts at Whitney Field. The approximate cost is \$6000.
 - iii. Ameren is still intending to install a transformer at Whitney Field.
 - iv. Phil is getting prices to improve the railings and increase safety at Varland Park.
 - v. The board discussed ideas for increased Whitney Field use.
 - vi. The board discussed painting another tennis court for pickle ball at Lincoln Douglas complex.
 - vii. South Side Little League requested \$800 to sponsor their homerun derby. John moved to give them \$800 as an advance on their anticipated 2018 maintenance money. Randy second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- e. Pool (Danielle) – None.

13. New Business – None

14. Meeting adjourned.