

August 13, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: none

Guest: Mark Zeitlin

Recreation Board Members Absent: Jeane Schafer

1. Steve moved to approve July meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Steve moved and Kevin second to accept July Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept July Pool Financial Reports. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

Mark Zeitlin, Ottawa citizen, addressed the board about the possibility of establishing a Senior Softball organization for players 50 and older. The board directed Mark to investigate the possibility.

4. Pool Manager's report
 - a. Ann reported that 2015 July attendance was much improved over June.
 - b. Rentals have increased from last year. Ann feels that pool is being more completely utilized.
 - c. An auto chemical feeder costing \$5000 was required by state inspectors to be installed. Ann and Jim are pleased with its performance.
 - d. The baby pool was repaired and resurfaced. The staff will fill it this week to see if everything works.
 - e. New filters were purchased and installed.
 - f. Ann reported on multiple special events including Drool at the Pool, the city swim meet, and OHS swim team using the pool.
5. Commissioner's report -- None
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported the adult softball season and tournament had concluded and noted the extensive coverage in the Times.
 - b. Mark reported that he had hired Tim Trumbo to schedule and oversee summer and fall softball leagues for both men and women. Tammy Daugherty will take over the concession stand. Joe Daugherty will schedule and oversee umpires. No extra salary will be spent.
 - c. Mark reported that fall softball sign ups were lagging, adding that one night might have all of its games played just on Sanders Field.
 - d. Mark reported that he has authorized Tim Trumbo to begin an adult kickball league that would play during fall softball in the slots left empty by softball. Entry fee would be \$125. There have no registrations as yet, however.

- e. Mark review summer programs, noting that Rec had served over 3100 children from Ottawa and surrounding area. According to the census, that is approximately how many children of Rec program age live in Ottawa.
 - f. Mark noted that over 100 children had attended the end of season game carnival at Rigden. Mark praised his summer park supervisor staff.
 - g. Steve moved to approve paying \$1200 for Class Act II to play at the Senior Harvest Dance to be held on October 18 from 2-4 at the K of C. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
7. Old Business:
- a. Mark provided information about ID badges for the board members that would identify them as members of the Rec Board. Officer Kessinger had suggested that the board and Mark have the ID's made before next board meeting. The board agreed and asked Mark to finalize arrangements.
 - b. Randy presented a draft of a policy regarding severe weather response. The board was to read it and discuss it at the September meeting.
 - c. Randy researched NOAA weather radio for the youth leagues and presented information to the board. He will approach Wal Mart to see if they are willing to discount the purchase or donate any.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
- a. Construction in Progress – Peck Park 4th softball field: the board learned that trees and fence were being taken down. Grand Rapids excavating will start work on August 24 installing drainage.
 - b. Park Inspections – Kevin and Randy will have revised park inspection forms available in September meeting .
 - c. Park Improvements – Phil and Steve reported on their visit to a handicap park in LaSalle Peru and discussed the proposed handicapped children's park in Lincoln Douglass.
 - d. Long range plan review –The board noted that it needs to begin developing a long range plan for Thornton Park.
 - e. Bike paths – Bike lanes will be painted now that 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) Steve is consulting with R&R landscaping regarding removing the infield/outfield lip on Sander's field.
 - d. Programs – Phil –
 - i. Phil moved that the board approve \$1000 to reimburse for maintenance of Whitney field. John Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil reported on vandalism at Masinelli.
 - iii. Phil looking at getting a cement slab for a third base line dugout bench. John motioned to spend not more than \$3000 on the cement slab. Maribeth Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - iv. Steve reported on the AARP program. He will be asking the group to report on what they accomplish.

e. Pool -- None

10. New Business – the new board members, Jay Aicher and Austin Monroe, were introduced to the board.

11. Meeting adjourned.