

August 14, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Steve Kuhn  
Rick Leese, Kevin Quick, Jeane Schafer, Maribeth Manigold (Mark Astle, Director of  
Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: none

Guests: None

Recreation Board Members Absent: Tess Burke

1. Steve moved to approve the June and July meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the June and July Recreation financial reports. John second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Eldon moved to accept the June and July financial reports. Steve second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report (Anne unable to attend, meeting with Mayor's group)
  - a. All inspections passed with 100%.
  - b. Attendance numbers down in July, but concession profit up.
  - c. The board discussed request by OHS to use the pool since the OHS pool is unusable. OHS may use the pool until the chemicals run out near the end of August.
  - d. The board discussed a request from the state police to use the pool for a half day at the end of September.
    - i. Concerns included whether Jim Jobst was willing to continue to do maintenance, the cost for chemicals, and the wear and tear on equipment.
    - ii. Board noted that OHS could use the pool longer for a nominal fee if the pool was kept open.
    - iii. Board estimated the costs to be \$3500 and decided that if OHS and State police would pay that fee and if Jim would do the maintenance, then the pool could stay open. Phil was to contact all involved parties.
5. Commissioner's report – In Commissioner Aussem's absence, Phil reported on the Whitney field dedication.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported that the summer park program was successful. Most parks reported daily attendance of eight to ten children, with higher attendance on tiny tot and arts and crafts days.
  - b. Mark reported that though there were few fewer programs this summer, registrations were still over 3000 for the summer, not counting daily attendance at the parks.

- c. Mark reported on a successful conclusion to the summer softball season. People seemed to like having a competitive and a recreation tournament on the men's side. Fall softball sign-ups were adequate to have the league with 8 women's teams and 26 men's.
- 7. Old Business: The board discussed elections
- 8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - i. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
    - 1. Sidewalk between adult softball fields repaired and sidewalk south of south soccer field improved. Clegg Perkins will charge for only one day of the lift rental to compensate the Rec Board for softball sidewalk repair work. Steve motioned to pay Dean's Dynamic \$2240 for the work. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
    - 2. Dead trees have been replaced
  - b. Bike Paths – none
  - c. Future Parks – None
  - d. Construction in Progress and Long-Range Planning – Phil reported that work has begun on Hollywood park. Steve reported that a decorative fence was installed at Fox River to prevent cars from driving across grassy areas.
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
  - b. Finance – (Maribeth) none
  - c. Parks – (Eldon) – Eldon said that he will individualize park inspections for each park so that past concerns are examined closely. Forms will be ready for September meeting.
  - d. Programs – Phil –
    - i. Phil reported that OGFA had reorganized to include some of the travel league teams.
    - ii. Phil reported that there was interest in a U-19 women's team interested in using the soccer fields.
  - e. Pool -- – see above.
- 10. New Business – Phil reminded the board that he will hand out evaluation forms for Mark in September. He also reminded the board that as per board motion passed in May, the board will consider employee bonuses in September.
- 11. Meeting adjourned.