

September 10, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Less, Bob Shull

Guest: Mark Zeitlin

Recreation Board Members Absent: Jay Aicher

1. Steve moved to approve August meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Steve moved and John second to accept August Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept August Pool Financial Reports. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report
  - a. Ann reported that baby pool has had leaks fixed, water circulating jets repaired, and been resurfaced. It is ready for next year.
  - b. The new filters were working properly.
  - c. The automated chemical feed worked properly through the end of the year, saving Ann and Jim time.
  - d. The buoy ropes were replaced as was a diving board.
  - e. Ann reported on multiple special events including Drool at the Pool, the city swim meet, and OHS swim team using the pool.  
Note: Ann is not required to again attend board meetings until April.
5. Commissioner's report – Commissioner Less reported on the ADA accessible playground
  - a. Fundraising efforts underway
  - b. McClure Engineering donating engineering services
  - c. Commissioner Less noted that the ADA playground planning committee would welcome a member of the Rec board.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reminded that board to contact Capt. Kessinger at the OPD if interested in getting an ID card.
  - b. Mark reported that Adult Fall softball had 4 women's teams, 16 men's teams. The season will end by Columbus Day.
  - c. Mark reported that a four team kickball league had been formed as part of fall softball.
  - d. Mark informed the board that over 3300 children and young adults had participated in Summer Recreation programs. He will present the summer report next month.
  - e. Mark reported that the Fall Harvest Dance will be held Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 at the Knights of Columbus hall.

7. Old Business:
  - a. Randy led a discussion of a draft of a policy regarding severe weather response.
    - i. The board will look into posting safety signs regarding lightning safety and tornado safety.
  - b. Randy reported that he was working with Wal Mart to see if they are willing to discount the purchase or donate any weather radios. He noted that a local barge company might be willing to donate for safety concerns like weather radios, medical kits, and defibrillators.
    - i. The board discussed purchasing 10 to 15 weather radios to give to the leagues.
    - ii. The board discussed recommending to the leagues that they have med kits, a safety plan, and CPR trained coaches and officials. John suggested that each league should have to certify that it has a safety plan as part of the maintenance money application form. Phil said he would look into adding that to the requirements.
    - iii. The board asked Mark to look into the cost and viability of CPR training for the summer Rec park supervisors.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Construction in Progress – Peck Park 4<sup>th</sup> softball field: Grand Rapids excavating has not yet begun installing drainage.
  - b. Park Inspections – Kevin and Randy handed out park inspection forms. Inspections to be completed and forms returned at the October meeting.
  - c. Park Improvements – The board briefly discussed a variety of prefabricated toilets that might be installed at parks in place of the portable toilets.
  - d. Long range plan review –Commissioner Less noted that preliminary planning is beginning to form a committee to discuss developing a long range plan for Thornton Park.
  - e. Bike paths – Phil reported that Tami Huftel did not arrange for bike lanes to be painted now that Main Street resurfacing is completed. She will work on that project for next year.
  - f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none
9. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
  - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
  - c. Parks – (Kevin, Randy)
    - i. Phil reported that the wooden split rail fence has been removed from Thornton.
    - ii. Repairs are continuing at Masinelli to repair vandalism.
    - iii. Whitney field concrete pads for dugout benches were installed by Dean's Dynamic Concrete at a cost of \$1990 (below the \$3000 approved at the August meeting). Phil noted that OHS will donate 21foot long benches with shade covers. Phil also noted that the Whitney Field fence will be modified to create dugout entrances.
    - iv. Steve reported that he is working with Bob Shull and the Parks Department to extend the walking paths in Lincoln-Douglas and from Adams Street to Peck Park.

- d. Programs – Phil – None
  - e. Pool -- On behalf of Ann, Steve reminded that board that the pool did not give free pool passes to anyone.
10. New Business –
- a. Mark passed out his evaluation form and asked that the forms be returned to Phil at the October meeting.
  - b. Steve motioned that the Playground and Recreation board donate \$3800 to Bridges Alternatives for Older Adults recreation programs. Maribeth second.
- Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
11. Meeting adjourned.