

October 8, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel, Bob Shull

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Jay Aicher, Jeane Schafer

1. John moved to approve September meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved and John second to accept September Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. John moved to accept September Pool Financial Reports. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report
 - a. Ann reported that baby pool repair bill had not yet arrived to be paid and Billy King's bill for shutting down the pool plumbing was also outstanding.
 - b. Ann announced her resignation. The board thanked her for her service. The board discussed possible replacements and a time table for hiring a replacement.
5. Commissioner's report – none.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that fall softball had come to a close.
 - b. Mark reported that the fall kickball league had a successful inaugural season and that the league would be continued in 2016.
 - c. Mark presented the summer activities financial report.
 - d. Mark reported that preparations were underway for the Fall Harvest Dance, held Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 at the Knights of Columbus hall.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Randy reported that he had prepared a letter to Walmart asking them to discount the purchase or donate any weather radios. He noted that others might be willing to donate for safety concerns like weather radios, medical kits, and defibrillators.
 - b. The board agreed that there should be weather safety signs posted in the parks.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – The board was informed that Grand Rapids excavating has finished installing drainage at Peck Park 4th softball field.
 - b. Park Inspections – Kevin reminded the board to finish any inspections and return the forms to him as soon as possible.
 - c. Park Improvements –
 - i. Kevin reported on the progress of the Handicap accessible park in the Lincoln Douglas complex. Steve moved that the board donate \$14,362 to complete phase one of the park construction. Kevin second. The board discussed and voted. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed. Tami will

help with disbursement of the money at the proper time to the proper vender.

- ii. The board discussed replacing the electrical breaker box for June Gross diamond. Phil presented the cost as \$2500 to replace the electrical panel controlling the lights and \$3950 to install a contactor switch. There would be added cost for installation. The board decided that this would solve the light safety problem for the foreseeable future. Steve moved to approve the upgrades as presented by Phil. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

- d. Long range plan review – none.
- e. Bike paths – none
- f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
- b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
- c. Parks – (Kevin, Randy) -- Steve reported that he has a bid to extend the sidewalk in Lincoln-Douglas from Norris drive north toward the softball fields. The sidewalk would run east of the soccer field goal. The low bid from Dean's Dynamic Concrete was \$13000. Maribeth moved to approve construction of the sidewalk. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- d. Programs – Phil –
 - i. Phil noted he is preparing to revise the facilities use packet sent to the youth leagues. Revision will include weather safety preparedness.
 - ii. Phil noted that working with OHS, one-piece covered dugout benches have been ordered now that the concrete pads are in place.
 - iii. Phil reported that Mr. Guenther at OHS will be creating new park signs for several of the city parks.
 - iv. Steve asked the board to consider the future of AARP sponsorship.
- e. Pool -- None.

10. New Business – None

11. Steve moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Maribeth second. Motion passed.

12. Steve motioned to adjourn from closed session. Randy second. Motion passed. Steve affirmed that only personnel decisions had been discussed in compliance with law.

13. Meeting adjourned.