

November 12, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Jay Aicher, Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, John Levy, Maribeth Manigold, Kevin Quick, Austin Monroe (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel, Bob Shull

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Kuhn, Jeane Schafer

1. John moved to approve October meeting minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. John moved and Austin second to accept October Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. John moved to accept October Pool Financial Reports. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – not required to attend October through April
5. Commissioner's report:
 - a. Commissioner Less complimented the new park signs.
 - b. Commissioner Less discussed trees in the Lincoln Douglas complex.
 - c. Commissioner Less thanked the Playground and Recreation board for the donation to finish paying for the Handicap Playground to be installed in the LD complex. He invited the board to participate in choosing colors for the equipment.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported planning for Adult Basketball was underway.
 - b. Mark presented the adult softball financial report. He suggested several ways the board might cut costs if it wanted to.
 - c. Mark reported on the Fall Harvest Dance, held Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 at the Knights of Columbus hall. Approximately 130 people attended. Mark passed around a thank you note from a grateful attendee. Mark thanked Jane and Rod Schomas for generously donating their time.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Randy reported the lack of donation of emergency weather radios from Walmart and on the progress of getting weather safety signs posted in the parks.
 - b. Randy distributed and the board discussed the list of recommendations for emergency weather protocols.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Phil noted that R&R Landscaping had done little work at Peck Park 4th softball field.
 - b. Park Inspections – Kevin reported that an overall analysis of the park inspection forms showed that the two greatest needs for the parks were mulch and trimming of dead tree branches. Kevin asked the board to review his report and discuss observations at the next meeting.

- c. Park Improvements –
 - i. Kevin shared the handicap playground committee emails with the board.
 - ii. Phil noted that the electrical box replacement for lights on Gross field was to be completed in the next several weeks.
 - d. Long range plan review – none.
 - e. Bike paths – none
 - f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none
9. Committee Reports
- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) Phil asked Maribeth to propose language clarifying the Playground and Recreation Board’s rights, responsibilities, and limits regarding spending money given to it by council. The board discussed the process it uses to spend money.
 - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) None
 - c. Parks – (Kevin, Randy):
 - i. Phil reported that several new signs constructed by OHS had been installed at the parks.
 - ii. Phil noted that Parks Department has begun construction of a walking path around Whitney Field. The path would connect with current walking path.
 - iii. Whitney Field dugout benches installed with cooperation with OHS booster club.
 - d. Programs – Phil – Phil noted he is preparing to revise the facilities use packet sent to the youth leagues. Revision will include weather safety preparedness.
 - e. Pool -- It was reported that pool winterization is nearly complete.
10. New Business – None
11. Meeting adjourned.