

November 13, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Kevin Quick, Jeane Schafer (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel, Commissioner Aussem

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold, Tess Burke, Steve Kuhn

1. Jeane moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Eldon second. Motion passed
2. Jeane moved to accept the October Recreation financial report. John second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Kevin moved to accept the October Pool financial reports. Jean second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Guests: Don Dirks, Dixie DeVry from Starved Rock Cycling talked to the board about splitting the cost of painting bicycle stripes on Main Street. Estimated cost of \$25000.

4. Pool Manager's report – not required to attend October through April
5. Commissioner's report – Emphasized the city would make final decision regarding bike lanes Commended Bob Shull for work with Friendship Village.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that the 12th annual Harvest Dance was held at the K of C on Sunday, October 19 from 2 to 4. 120 people attended. Total cost of the event was approximately \$2500.
 - b. Mark asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to examine the softball survey results. Randy and Kevin volunteered.
 - c. Mark reported that Adult Basketball rules and roster sheets would be available on November 17 at City Hall and the Ottawa Y as well as online. He noted that the gym rental costs were going to be double last year as a result of cost cutting measures at OHS. Registration will be December 17 from 7 to 8 in the Rec office. Season starts Sunday, January 4.
 - d. Mark presented correspondence to the board.
7. Old Business:
 - a. The board resumed the tabled discussion of building a new diamond at Peck Park.
 - i. Pony League did not respond regarding the diamond
 - ii. R & R landscaping submitted a bid for \$20,480 for field preparation and infield mix. Cost of the infield mix alone is about \$12,000.
 - iii. The board discussed splitting costs between OGFA, the Rec Board, and the City of Ottawa.
 - iv. Engineering and elevation costs still unknown.

- v. John Motioned that the board contribute up to \$8000 toward Site work and Engineering, etc. The expectation is that OGFA and The City of Ottawa would also contribute \$8000. Randy Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.

8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals

- a. Construction in Progress
 - i. Some work done with volunteers at Hollywood. Cemented equipment pieces installed.
 - ii. OHS committed to play several freshmen games at Whitney.
 - iii. R&R Landscaping provided an estimate of \$2480 to prep Whitney for the winter. The board discussed the field preparation and cost. Phil moved to spend up to \$3000 for Whitney winter work. Eldon second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- b. Park Inspections
 - i. Eldon reported on park improvements and repairs
 - ii. Kevin asked that South Side Little League be contacted regarding pipes and equipment laying around. Mark was asked to write the letter.
- c. Park Improvements -- none
- d. Long range plan review – none
 - i. Bike Paths – The board discussed the bike paths on Main Street. John moved that the Rec board be part of the striping program and contribute up to \$8500. Kevin second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- e. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – Commissioner Aussem reported on Thornton Park negotiations.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
- b. Finance – (Maribeth) none
- c. Parks – (Eldon)
 - i. Reported on improvements at Rigden. Eldon moved to pay Genders and Fowler up to \$3000 for concrete work at Rigden. John Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Reported on installation of lights at Hollywood Park
 - iii. Reported that a new tennis practice board had been installed at Peck Park.
- d. Programs – Phil – The board discussed the location of lighting controls and the cost of having a contractor move the controls from the concession stand to an outside location. The board tabled the discussion until December.
- e. Pool -- – see above.

10. New Business – none.

11. Meeting adjourned.