

December 11, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

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

Recreation Board Members Absent: Jeane Schafer, Tess Burke, Steve Kuhn

1. Eldon moved moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Kevin second. Motion passed
2. Maribeth moved to accept the November Recreation financial report. Randy second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Maribeth moved to accept the November Pool financial reports. Eldon second. Board discussed that only \$80,000 of the promised \$100,000 had been deposited. Commissioner Aussem promised to bring it up with the Finance Commissioner. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – (not required to attend October through April)
 - a. Anne reported that the total payroll cost at the pool for 2014 was \$70, 544.56. A 2.5% raise for employees would cost approximately \$1,764. Maribeth moved to raise pool employee wages 2.5%. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
5. Commissioner's report –
 - a. Announced that the Edmund Thornton plans to donate Thornton Park to the city as part of an agree for the city to purchase other land. The city will finalize the contract in February.
 - b. Discussed his impression of the Rec center presentation
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported on results of the adult softball survey and the conclusions the subcommittee drew from the results.
 - b. Mark reported on adult basketball sign-ups.
 - c. Mark reminded the board that he would present a preliminary budget at the January meeting.
7. Old Business: The board discussed the cost of moving the on switch for lights and scoreboards to a spot outside the OGFA concession stand. Eldon moved to spend \$2572 for the contactor switch itself and up to \$4000 for labor. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All Ayes.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Construction in Progress
 - i. Work done with volunteers continues Hollywood.

- ii. No work being done at Whitney over the winter.
 - iii. Ameren will move a buried electrical box in the new field at Peck and bill Rec \$675.
 - b. Park Inspections: Eldon update the board on work done.
 - c. Park Improvements -- none
 - d. Long range plan review – Eldon reported on the dearth of possible park sites on Ottawa’s southwest side.
 - e. Bike paths -- none
- 9. New subdivisions/city acquisitions: Eldon made preliminary suggestions regarding improvements needed at Thornton Park.
- 10. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
 - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) none
 - c. Parks – (Eldon)
 - i. Reported on improvements at Rigden. Eldon moved to pay Fowler and Landers Concrete 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 examined drawings for the fourth field at Peck Park.
 - e. Pool -- – see above.
- 11. New Business – none.
- 12. Meeting adjourned.