

February 9, 2012 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Tess Burke, Eldon Leemhuis, James Less, Maribeth Manigold, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Ann Johnson, Director of Riordan Pool)

Others attending the meeting: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Marie McLaughlin, Steve Kuhn, Rick Leese, Andree Marie Koban,

Guests: none

1. Maribeth motioned to approve the January minutes as amended. Phil second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept January financial report. Maribeth second. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's report -- none
4. Director's report:
  - a. Mark reported that adult basketball had played five games, so half the season was done. There were no major concerns.
  - b. Mark reported that Jane and Rod Schomas were scheduled to give dance lessons for February 12 and 26 at 7 pm at Bader Gym, Marquette, for winter recreation.
  - c. Mark reported that he was planning on placing the want ad the first week of March for supervisors and assistant supervisors for summer recreation.
5. Old Business
  - a. AARP tabled until March.
6. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Long-Range Planning – none
  - b. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
    - i. Phil is pricing a shelter to be placed on the west side of Masinelli field.
    - ii. Black dirt is being used as fill behind the adult softball fields.
  - c. Bike Paths – The board briefly discussed the bike path plan it had received that afternoon. Eldon asked the board members to read the plan and bring questions and comments to the next board meeting.
  - d. Future Parks – none
7. Committee Reports
  - a. By-Laws – none
  - b. Financial – The board discussed the second draft of the 2012-2013 Playground and Recreation budget. Tess moved to accept the budget. Phil Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
  - c. Parks – Phil suggested that the board consider upgrading lighting in each park so that police may more easily enforce park closing violations.

d. Programs

- i. Phil reported that he will soon be sending letters to youth leagues regarding facility use guidelines.
- ii. Phil suggested that the board consider having the batting cage west of Roy Sanders Field removed.

e. Pool

- i. Ann reported that Dave Keely and the shop class at Ottawa High School will make the needed lifeguard chairs for the pool.
- ii. All Types Fence will repair the broken gate.
- iii. She is working with the Ottawa Y and the Red Cross to offer a life saving course and recertification.
- iv. She has plans to expand the number of events at the city swim meet to be held on July 31.
- v. She announced that the high school will tentatively host two swim meets at the pool this year.
- vi. Ann announced that opening day is set for June 2. Pool hours will be 11 am to 6 pm every day. Prices will remain the same.
- vii. She is intending to offer an early-bird special on swim passes. An ad will appear in Times.
- viii. Ann provided the Rec board with handicap lift chair choices, all priced between \$5000 and \$6000 dollars. Tess moved that Ann purchase a handicap lift chair, cost not to exceed \$6500, including shipping. Maribeth Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
- ix. The board discussed the pool budget. Phil moved to approve the 2012 pool budget. Jim second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

8. New Business –none.

9. Meeting adjourned.