

March 8, 2012 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, James Less, Marie McLaughlin, Steve Kuhn, Rick Leese, Andree Marie Koban (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Ann Johnson, Director of Riordan Pool)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Tess Burke, Eldon Leemhuis, Maribeth Manigold

Guests: none

1. Phil motioned to approve the February minutes. James second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept February financial report. Rick second. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's report – Spoke again to Mr. Thornton regarding Thornton Park tennis court.
4. Director's report:
 - a. Mark reported that adult basketball would finish the season in ten days. There were no major concerns.
 - b. Mark reported that Jane and Rod Schomas gave dance lessons February 12 and 26 at 7 pm at Bader Gym, Marquette, for winter recreation. 36 attended the first lesson and 34 attended the second.
 - c. Mark reported that he had placed the want ad the first week of March for supervisors and assistant supervisors for summer recreation.
 - d. Mark reported that softball fields would be ready to play for Marquette. The softball commissioners' meeting would be held the third week of March and rosters would be available after that.
5. Old Business -- none
6. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Long-Range Planning – none
 - b. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
 - i. Phil motioned that the board build a shelter on the West side of Masinelli. Costs are \$10,890 for the shelter kit, approximately \$10,800 for the concrete base, and about \$10,800 for the shelter assembly. This shelter would be the same as the others in LD complex. James second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion Passed.
 - ii. Phil reported that pavers are being installed near Masinelli.
 - iii. Black dirt is being used as fill behind the adult softball fields.
 - c. Bike Paths – Andree Marie reported on the bike plan. Andree Marie Motioned that the board adopt the plan. Rick second. Motion Carried.
 - d. Future Parks – Tami reported that the Park Impact Fee account has over \$70,000. The board recommended that it be given the power to spend money from that fund to upgrade existing parks or create new parks.

7. Committee Reports

- a. By-Laws – Steve reminded the board that officer nominations and elections occur in April.
 - b. Financial – none
 - c. Parks – the board discussed adding power and lighting to the two south shelters in Walsh Park and replacing the lights in Turn Berry.
 - d. Programs
 - i. Phil reported that he sent letters to youth leagues regarding facility use guidelines.
 - ii. Phil motioned that \$1575 be donated by the Playground and Recreation Board to the Ottawa National Little League (south side) to pay for ½ of new fencing at Varland. James second. Roll call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - iii. Phil motioned that the board purchase two safety nets (60ft. x 35ft) for Masinelli field from Beacon Athletics for \$2941. Rick second. Roll call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - e. Pool
 - i. Ann reported that the pool’s state license has been renewed.
 - ii. The pool lift has been ordered.
 - iii. She will be attending the Cosgrove open house and food show
 - iv. She will run an Easter Special on Swim Passes.
 - v. The board discussed the future of the pool slide.
 - vi. Adree Marie motioned to accepted the monthly pool budget. James second. Roll call: All AYES. Motion passed.
8. New Business –none.
9. Meeting adjourned.