

April 14, 2011 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Rick Leese, Maribeth Manigold, Phil McNally, Tess Burke, Eldon Leemhuis (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting:

Recreation Board Members Absent: Marie McLaughlin, Lori Cook, Andree Marie Koban,

Guest: Nick Navarro, Captain of the Guard at Riordan Pool

1. Phil moved to approve March minutes, Rick second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept March financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Nick N. introduced himself to board.
4. Commissioner's report (Tami Huftel reported in Commissioner Eichelkraut's place)
 - a. Bike paths report mostly done
 - b. Tennis court plans under review. Construction to begin Mid June.
 - c. Briarcrest Subdivision land trade still being discussed.
 - d. Gaul property concept plan being developed.
 - e. Weatherby property should be closed on by first part of May
 - f. No word on the grant for Lincoln Douglas park
5. Director's Report
 - a. Mark reported that Men's basketball concluded successfully. Only one person was kicked out this year.
 - b. Summer planning is proceeding.
 - i. All workers should be hired by the May meeting.
 - ii. Programs Brochure is tentatively planned to be released on May 16. Several new programs planned.
 - iii. Softball registration meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 4.
6. Old Business
 - a. Rick reported that the parks brochure will be ready by June 9.
 - b. Bylaws proposals: second reading and vote
 - i. One Proposed change includes amending the term limit clause to allow a member serving as vice chair or chair to be elected to the office not currently held. Tess motioned to accept this change. Phil second. Motion Passed.
 - ii. A second proposed change includes adding the pool to the committee reports on the monthly agenda. Eldon motioned to accept this change. Maribeth second. Motion Passed.
 - iii. A third proposed amendment will create a pool subcommittee responsible for the oversight of the pool programs, operations, and employees. Maribeth motioned to accept this change. Rick second. Motion passed.
 - c. Steve reported that the Recreation Board's commitment to install lights on the adult softball field will be \$21000. Eldon voted to pay this amount for the Recreation Board's share of the lights. Maribeth Second. Roll call: five yes, one no. Motion Passed.
 - d. Steve asked Maribeth as a member of the Ottawa Elementary Board of Education to clarify the OES board's intent regarding the construction of a track and football field at the new Central School.

7. Long Range Planning
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas
 - i. Soccer/baseball field being graded.
 - ii. Bids for sidewalk and under-draining between the adult softball fields. Phil moved to set aside \$10,000 for sidewalks, under-draining and repair work in the area between the adult softball fields. Tess second. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws: See old business
 - b. Financial: Steve presented a list of obligated expenditures and total funds available.
 - c. Parks:
 - i. April 18 the date of the “Flower Power” meeting.
 - ii. Varland Park proposal discussed.
 - d. Programs
 - i. Both American and National Little Leagues and Pony League have submitted the correct paper work to get their maintenance money. Vote to give them the money will be held in May when the new budget begins.
 - ii. Flagpole for Fox River Park is ready.
 - iii. Recreation will replace the router that burned out at the high school while making the signs.
 - iv. Mark was asked the have the murals installed.
 - v. Lighting for the north adult softball field is delivered and installation is beginning.
 - vi. Phil will be going to look at the Lasalle Peru YMCA Pool.
 - vii. Pony League beginning a baseball program for developmentally challenged athletes.
 - e. Pool
 - i. Maribeth moved to accept the pool financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion passed.
 - ii. Steve reported on Pool Maintenance and upgrade progress
 1. High dive had been patched. Steve motioned to pay the bill of \$2190. Phil second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
 2. Unsuccessful so far trying to order new guard stands.
 3. Fixing holes in the floor of the pool.
 4. Patching needs to be done on the baby pool.
 5. The slide will not be used this year.
 6. Steve reported that Anna Johnson had been hired as Pool Manager.
 7. The board discussed the pool summit. First meeting of the newly formed pool super committee May 3, 9am.
 8. Discussed rules for rental
 - a. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance.
 - b. Reservations confirmed when half of rental payment is received. The second half to be paid the night of rental.
 - c. Set rules for ratios of adults to kids.
9. New Business: none. Meeting adjourned.