

May 10, 2012 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Andree Marie Koban

Guests: Jeremy Seibert

Jeremy Seibert, Grant Street, Streator, asked that the board reconsider his year-long suspension from Ottawa Recreation Activities. The board asked Jeremy to supply a letter from his counselor before they would reconsider his suspension.

1. Anne gave the report about Riordan Pool
 - a. The ADA has extended the time to September to get a lift chair to make the pool handicap accessible.
 - b. Lifeguard chairs are being assembled; they will be ready for the swim season.
 - c. 29 guards have been hired.
 - d. The pool has applied for and received its health permit and its state permit.
 - e. The new PA is installed. Internet access will be installed soon.
 - f. The pool open house is scheduled for June 13. Rain date of June 14.
 - g. Pool opens on June 2.
 - h. The board discussed the progress of the dismantling of the water slide.
2. Maribeth motioned to approve the April minutes. Steve second. Motion passed.
3. Eldon moved to accept April financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Steve motioned to accept the pool financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
5. Commissioner's report: none
6. The board discussed the suspension of Jeremy Seibert. Steve moved to uphold Mark's suspension of Jeremy Seibert from all recreation activities for 2012. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
7. Director's report:
8. Director's Report: Summer Recreation
 - a. Parks – Mark reported that all supervisor and assistant supervisors were hired. He noted he had three openings and over 50 applicants.
 - b. Programs – Mark reported that he had 50 camps for the summer program, the most ever. Brochures were expected to be available around May 15.
 - c. Softball – Registrations for adult men's leagues were down to 44. Many teams had more players. Women were steady at 22. Mark expected a few more teams to register.
9. Old Business -- none

10. Long-Range Planning and Board goals

- a. Long-Range Planning – The Rec board asked Tami to compile the Long-range plans so far approved for the parks.
- b. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
 - i. Phil reported on the tennis courts
 - ii. Phil complimented the parks department for work at the Lincoln-Douglas Complex.
 - iii. Phil asked the board to approve a bill for \$1200 to Dean’s Dynamic Concrete for the cost thus far of improving drainage west of Masinelli Field. Maribeth moved to approve the cost. Steve second. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
 - iv. Phil asked that the board approve to Dean’s Dynamic Concrete \$1990 to finish the drainage project west of Masinelli. Steve moved to approve spending \$1990 to finish the project. Rick second. Roll call: Marie No. All others Ayes. Motion passed.
 - v. Phil reported that grass has been planted between the adult softball fields.
- c. Bike Paths – Council is to approve the plan at the May 15 Council Meeting.
- d. Future Parks
 - i. Phil reported on improvements at Turn Berry, Fox River, and Walsh Parks.
 - ii. Eldon reported on progress made at Hollywood park.

11. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – none
- b. Finance – none
- c. Parks
 - i. Eldon reported that sewer and water would be retained after houses were demolished at Fox River Park.
 - ii. Tami reported that Commissioner Aussem has authorized payment of new equipment to replace the outdated equipment at Varland Park. The parks department will install the equipment.
 - iii. Tami reported that the Born Learning signs are ready for installation in Fox River Park.
- d. Programs
 - i. Phil motioned that Girls Softball be paid \$2500 maintenance money. Steve Second. Roll Call – All Ayes. Motion passed.
 - ii. The board discussed whether the maintenance money should vary per league; the current system was retained.

12. New Business – none

13. Meeting adjourned.