

August 10, 2011 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Tess Burke, Andree Marie Koban, Eldon Leemhuis, Maribeth Manigold, Marie McLaughlin, Phil McNally, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting:

Recreation Board Members Absent: Rick Leese, Lori Cook

1. Eldon motioned to approve the June minutes. Tess second. Motion passed.
2. Phil motioned to approve the July minutes. Eldon second. Motion passed.
3. Tess motioned to accept the June financial report. Andree Marie second. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Eldon motioned to accept the July financial report. Phil second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
5. Pool manager's report:
 - a. Reported on attendance 11, 628 for June and July combined
 - b. Reported on concession profit \$8833 for June and July combined
 - c. Reported on rentals 13 for June and July combined
 - d. Reported on the city swim meet
 - e. Reported that the pool passed inspection with no problems.
 - f. Reported on the use of the pool by the OHS swim team.
 - g. Eldon moved to accept the pool financial report. Tess second. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - h. Steve set the date for the end of season pool committee meeting to be Aug. 23 at 5pm.
6. Commissioner's report: Steve also reported the Nazarene Church owns the driving range land at Dayton Ridge and has offered use of that to Ottawa Recreation.
7. Director's report:
 - a. Mark reported that Recreation Softball Tournament completed the summer season. The men's trophy has been renamed the Roy Sanders trophy and the Women's trophy has been named the June Gross trophy. Fall softball will begin on August 22. The women's league is full and the men's league has 27 teams. Capacity for fall softball is 40.
 - b. Mark reported that the concession stand had a profit of approximately \$2000 for the summer.
 - c. Mark reported on attendance at special event day in July for the recreation park program. He noted that attendance was generally level or up from last year at the parks.
 - d. Mark reported on the recreation camps attendance. He noted that even with fewer offerings, attendance was nearly level with last year. The final report of attendance and costs will be presented at the September Recreation Board Meeting.
 - e. Mark distributed his evaluation form to recreation board members present. Steve asked the evaluation be completed by the next meeting.
8. Old Business: Girls Softball Maintenance money.

- a. The board discussed awarding the maintenance money to girls fast pitch softball. Maribeth moved to give \$2500 maintenance money to Girls Fast Pitch Softball. Andree Marie Second. Roll Call: Marie-no, Tess-no, Andree Marie-yes, Maribeth-yes, Phil-yes, Eldon-yes, Steve-yes Motion Passed.
9. Long-Range Planning:
 - a. The September 8th meeting will begin at 6:30 pm to discuss long-range planning for East Side Park and E. Side Boat Launch.
 - b. Maribeth will inspect E. Side park and the E. Side boat launch, Tess will inspect Kiwanis, Eldon will inspect Allen Park and Fox River, Andree Marie will inspect the Skate Park, Phil will inspect Turnberry, Marie will inspect Walsh, Steve will inspect Rigden, Peck, LD playground.
 - c. No progress on bike paths. No work done on future parks
 - d. The board discussed Lincoln-Douglas Complex. Steve suggested that work be done on the future ball diamond and soccer field area to be placed there. Phil motioned that the board commit \$20,000 to the project at this time. Eldon second. Roll Call: Marie-no, Andree Marie-no, Maribeth-yes, Eldon-yes, Steve-yes. Motion passed. Marie suggested that the work could focus on the soccer field because that would take less time to be ready for use, and it would fulfill an immediate need. Mark volunteered to investigate goals and prices for the next meeting.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws – none
 - b. Financial – none
 - c. Parks
 - i. Steve reported that the dog park idea is waiting for the dog park group to bring plans to the parks subcommittee. They are leaning toward Phelps Park.
 - ii. Eldon reported on soccer field use
 - iii. Eldon reported on the YMCA's efforts to beautify Rigden Park
 - d. Programs – none
 - e. Pool – see above
11. New Business – none
12. Meeting adjourned