

September 8, 2011 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Aussem, Tami Huftel, Ottawa Dog Park representatives, Ottawa Youth Football Representatives

Recreation Board Members Absent: Marie McLaughlin, Rick Leese, Lori Cook

Long Range Planning

- Maribeth reported her observations of East Side Park. She believes it needs only regular maintenance and cosmetic improvements.
- Maribeth reported her observations of the East Side Boat Launch. Her concerns were that the road was not good (but the road is not a city road), and no lights. She suggested the following be included in a future plan for East Side Boat Launch: Shelter, lights, connection to River walk, fish cleaning station.

Regular Meeting

1. Maribeth motioned to approve the August minutes. Tess second. Motion passed.
2. Phil motioned to accept the August recreation and pool financial reports. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's report:
 - a. The Recreation Board will oversee the dog park and the dog park group
 - b. Talked about youth football's desire for a dedicated field.
4. Guests: The representatives of the Ottawa Dog Park Board
 - a. Dog park representatives presented tentative By-Laws and Mission Statement.
 - b. Representatives asked permission to run the dog park committee under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Board.
 - c. Agreed to do all of the maintenance and development under an agreement similar to those the Rec board has with the youth leagues.
 - d. The Rec Board decided to table approval of the dog park agreement until after all the member of the dog park group met with the commissioner and Rec board representatives.
 - e. The representatives of Ottawa Youth Football approached the board asking for property and financial assistance building a football field. The board discussed the possible use of Shepherd or areas of Lincoln Douglas.
5. Pool Report:
 - a. Steve reported that Anna Johnson, pool manager, received an excellent performance evaluation.
 - b. Ann will attend the November meeting to make her final report of the season.
 - c. Phil reported on a prioritized pool maintenance list of 22 electrical items that Clegg Perkins will work on until a certain cost is reached.
6. Director's report:
 - a. Mark reported fall softball began on August 22 and was proceeding smoothly. The women's league is full and the men's league has 27 teams. Capacity for fall softball is 40.

- b. Mark discussed the summer attendance and cost breakdown for the summer Recreation program. Steve asked Phil to review the programs' cost.
 - c. Mark reminded the board that the Fall Harvest Dance will be held October 16 from 2-4 pm at the Knights of Columbus.
7. 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.
8. Old Business – Steve reported that Mark's evaluation came back overwhelmingly excellent.
9. Long-Range Planning:
- a. Phil and Andree Marie will report in October on Turnberry and the Skate Park respectively. The October meeting will begin at 6:30.
 - b. Eldon will report on Allen Park and Fox River Park in November
 - c. Tess will report on Kiwanis Park in December
 - d. Andree Marie moved that Mark be allowed to spend up to \$3000 to purchase soccer goals. Tess second. Motion passed
 - e. No progress on bike paths. No work done on future parks
 - f. The board discussed possible uses for the land volunteered by the Nazarene Church.
 - g. The board was informed that parkland in the Autumnwood subdivision has officially been given to the city.
10. Committee Reports
- a. Bylaws (Maribeth) – none
 - b. Financial (Rick)– none
 - c. Parks (Eldon)
 - i. The board discussed tennis court resurfacing at Peck Park tennis courts
 - ii. The board discussed flood buy-outs in the flood plain.
 - d. Programs (Phil)– none
 - e. Pool (Tess)– Commissioner Aussem reported that the city officials were impressed with the good condition of the pool. He noted that Mayor had suggested business after hours event at the pool.
11. New Business – Phil motioned to give Bridges senior center \$3000 for senior fitness as per Bridges' request. Tess second. Motion passed.
12. Meeting adjourned