

October 11, 2012 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull

Recreation Board Members Absent: Marie McLaughlin

Guests: None

1. Maribeth motioned to approve the September minutes. Tess second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept September Recreation financial report. Rick second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Eldon motioned to accept the August pool financial report. Rick second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report -- not required to be present.
5. Commissioner's report: (presented by Phil) Equipment at Varland is being paid for by Public works and installation has begun.
6. Director's Report
  - i. Mark reported that the fall softball season and tournament had been completed uneventfully. Winners were Zeller Inn for men, Brockman Building for women. Mark also reported that Tim Bault's wife had passed the previous week and that Recreation softball had held a moment of silence before the last tournament games on Monday.
  - ii. Mark reported on preparations for Harvest Dance on October 21.
  - b. Old Business – AARP voucher approved by Commissioner Aussem. Steve also reported that Commissioner Aussem recommended that in the future AARP operate on a voucher system. Steve Motioned that the letter from AARP and Nancy Stisser be entered into the board minutes. James Second. Motion Passed.
7. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
    - i. The new tennis courts are complete.
    - ii. Parking lot being developed in the north section of the park north of men's softball
  - b. Bike Paths – None
  - c. Future Parks -- None
  - d. Long-Range Planning -
    - i. Steve reported on Peck Park. He suggested that more handicap parking be added and that a drinking fountain be added to the play area. He also suggested there might be space for soccer goals.
    - ii. Phil agreed to talk to Tami regarding Long Range Planning Reports. The board's intent is that City Council will approve the Rec Board's overall long-range plan.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws – None

- b. Finance – Steve presented budget figures to clarify the amount of money available for the board.
  - c. Parks
    - i. Ottawa Lions Club asked the Rec board to provide a cement slab for the dumpster at Walsh Park. Phil, as President, approved the construction.
    - ii. Eldon reported on Varland Park sidewalk plans. James motioned that the board spend \$2274.25 on sidewalks at Varland (half of the cost – South Side Little League to pay the other half). Tess second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - d. Programs – Steve reported that Bridges will present a revised accounting of how the money they were given last year was spent.
  - e. Pool -- – Tess reviewed the final pool manager’s final report and recommendations for the board. Tess recommended the following: The rates for next season not be raised and the board consider reducing rates for seniors
9. New Business – None
10. Meeting adjourned.