

November 8, 2012 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Kuhn, Rick Leese, James Less

Guests: Mike Pubentz, President of OGFP, Gary VonZuden, Vice-president of OGFP

Mike and Gary addressed the board about field usage guidelines to clarify shared use and about grounds items concerns.

1. Eldon motioned to approve the October minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept October Recreation financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Maribeth motioned to accept the October pool financial report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report -- not required to be present.
5. Commissioner's report: none
6. Director's Report
 - i. Mark reported that the Starved Rock Bike club had sent a letter thanking the board for its sponsorship of the bike rally.
 - ii. Mark reported that he had given Ottawa Eagles permission to use adult softball field outfields and lights for practice.
 - iii. The senior harvest dance was attended by 130 and was well received. Mark distributed several thank you letters.
 - iv. Mark reported that preparations were underway for adult men's basketball. Rosters and rules would be available after Thanksgiving.
 - v. Mark reported on softball concessions stand profit.
- b. Old Business – Phil collected park inspection forms. Eldon will compile the forms and present the information to Bob Shull.
7. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex -- none
 - b. Bike Paths
 - i. Starved Rock Cycling Club has offered to donate money for signage and painting bike lanes.
 - ii. The bike paths plan will be re-presented to the LaSalle County highway department and to IDOT in the spring.
 - c. Future Parks -- None
 - d. Long-Range Planning - Tami distributed the collection of long-range plan suggestions for the parks in Ottawa. The board offered initial impressions and will review the inspections report for the December meeting.

8. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws – Maribeth proposed by-law revisions to better reflect the inclusion of the pool under the board’s umbrella of responsibility. Mark was instructed to send copies of the revisions to all board members.
 - b. Finance – None
 - c. Parks – Varland Park sidewalk renovation project complete.
 - d. Programs – none
 - e. Pool -- – none
9. New Business – Maribeth asked that board member unable to attend meetings inform Phil and Mark prior to meetings. This would allow Phil to determine if the board will have quorum to conduct business.
10. Meeting adjourned.