

July 11, 2013 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Rick Leese, Marie McLaughlin, Phil McNally, Steve Kuhn, John Levy, Eldon Leemhuis, James Less (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Anne Johnson, Riordan Pool Manager)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel, Bob Shull

Recreation Board Members Absent: Tess Burke, Maribeth Manigold

1. Eldon moved to approve the June minutes. Steve second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the June Recreation financial report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept the April pool financial report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report:
 - a. Anne presented the board with attendance and revenue comparisons between June 2012 and June 2013.
 - b. Anne reported on community outreach efforts.
 - c. Anne reported on morning rentals
 - d. Anne reported on details for the all-city swim meet.
5. Commissioner's report: None.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Summer Recreation
 - i. Mark reported that by week's end, 50 of the scheduled 60 summer activities would be completed.
 - ii. Mark reported on attendance at special event activities.
 - iii. Mark reported on camps, park activities, and tennis lessons.
 - iv. Mark made Safety Town surveys available.
 - v. Mark reported that Summer Recreation activities will end July 25.
 - b. Adult Softball
 - i. Mark discussed Tim Bault's report.
 - ii. Mark reported that adult softball was on schedule to finish the season in two weeks and then begin the tournament.
 - c. Mark suggested that the board strongly consider creating a field use agreement based on information from the Plainfield Park District's agreement. The board asked him to summarize his notes from reading the agreement. James, Phil, and Mark would create an ad hoc committee to develop a field use agreement.
7. Old Business – None

8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – parking lot construction on old Utica drive to be complete in three to four weeks.
 - b. Bike Paths – Starved Rock Bike Club interested in donating money toward completion of new bike paths.
 - c. Future Parks – The board discussed the Hollywood Park Fence.
 - d. Long-Range Planning – none
9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws – Maribeth. None.
 - b. Finance – Rick. None
 - c. Parks – Eldon.
 - i. The board discussed dead trees at Rigden Park. Bob Shull will ask his crew to examine the situation.
 - ii. Eldon asked the board to discuss the possibility of selling Phillips Park.
 - d. Programs – Phil
 - i. Reported that Pony league still had to clean up construction materials. Mark was instructed to compose a letter giving Pony League 30 days from receipt of the letter to clean up leftover construction materials.
 - ii. Phil recommended that the board pay American Little League (north side little league) its maintenance money for the 2013 season. Eldon moved to direct Mark to pay the fee to OGFP. Rick second. Roll Call: No: Steve, Marie, Eldon. Yes: James, John, Rick, Phil. Motion passed. Mark was instructed to compose a letter reminding the league that the required information was due before the season and that the Rec board was within its rights to withhold maintenance money and permission to use the facility.
 - iii. The board discussed softball field use policy.
 - e. Pool -- -- none
10. New Business – none
11. Meeting adjourned.