

January 8, 2015 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Randy Bretag, Steve Kuhn, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Maribeth Manigold, Kevin Quick, Jeane Schafer, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull

Recreation Board Members Absent: Tess Burke

1. Maribeth moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Kevin second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the December Recreation financial report. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept the December Pool financial reports. Eldon second. Board Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – (not required to attend October through April) -- none
5. Commissioner's report – None
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported on the beginning of adult basketball. 14 teams signed up.
  - b. Mark reported that as directed by the adult softball survey subcommittee he had developed an umpire job description and was in the process of getting feedback from the adult softball directors.
7. Old Business: none
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Construction in Progress
    - i. Peck Park ball diamond survey work commencing
    - ii. Contact made with All Types fence to get an estimate for backstop, gates, and fencing.
  - b. Park Inspections
    - i. Two handicap parking signs installed at Peck Park
    - ii. Outlet boxes at East Side Park fixed
    - iii. Outhouse now inside the outhouse shelter at Turnberry.
    - iv. Randy reported a dangerous tree limb at Kiwanis.
  - c. Park Improvements – The board began tentative discussions about Thornton Park improvements. A bike safety town and a dog run for small dogs were suggested as uses for the tennis courts. The mayor has suggested that the Rec board and city officials host a picnic in the spring to solicit usage suggestions from neighbors.
  - d. Long range plan review – The board discussed the possibility of constructing permanent restrooms vs. portable toilets now in use at the parks. Randy volunteered to look into designs and costs.

- e. Bike paths – in the spring, city will move ahead with plans to paint a bike path on Main Street from Green Street to Boyce Memorial Drive.
9. New subdivisions/city acquisitions -- none
10. Committee Reports
- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
  - b. Finance – (Maribeth, John) Mark presented the first drafts of the Recreation and Riordan Pool budgets. Vote to approve the budget will be held February.
  - c. Parks – (Eldon)
    - i. Eldon suggested that when possible the board members inspect Thornton Park.
    - ii. Phil reported on his impressions of the proposal for a dog park at Phillips Park. The board discussed the possibility of the county acquiring Phillips.
  - d. Programs – Phil – Phil will be sending out letters to the leagues asking for financial information and reminding them of usage guidelines.
  - e. Pool –
    - i. Steve assured the board that the full amount of funding for the pool was available.
    - ii. Steve reported information regarding the proposed pool and Rec center.
    - iii. Steve moved that the Playground and Recreation board would contribute the city's 1/3 share of a feasibility study (in partnership with Ottawa Township High School and The Ottawa Y) for a pool and Rec center. The amount contributed would be taken from the pool budget and would not exceed \$25,000. John Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
11. New Business – none.
12. Meeting adjourned.