

January 9, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Tess Burke, John Levy, Phil McNally, James Less, Rick Leese, Steve Kuhn, Eldon Leemhuis (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Anna Johnson, Director of Riordan Pool)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Commissioner Aussem, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold,

1. John moved to approve the December minutes. Steve second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the December Recreation financial report. John second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept the December pool financial report. James second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report:
 - a. Ann reported that the Health Department will now charge to inspect pools.
 - b. There are still some plumbing bills outstanding.
 - c. She is having difficulty finding replacements for the pool drain covers.
 - d. She is in the process of ordering ten filters and covers. When these are installed, all twenty-five filters and covers will have been replaced over the past three years.
 - e. Ann presented the draft pool budget. The board discussed the draft.
5. Commissioner's report – Julie Johnson and Dana Vicich would like to meet with the board regarding Disc Golf. Mark will contact them to put them on the February 13 agenda.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that Adult basketball will begin Sunday, January 12 in Love Gym due to weather issues on January 5.
 - b. Mark reported that adult dance will again make use of the open gym offered by Marquette.
7. Old Business:
 - a. The board discussed tree planting and maintenance issues at Walsh Park.
 - b. Phil distributed copies of the annual youth league information packet sent to all leagues.
 - c. Phil informed the board of his meeting between Ottawa Girls Fast Pitch and Off the Bench.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – none
 - b. Bike Paths – none
 - c. Future Parks –
 - i. The city engineer was still working on the final park design.

- ii. The board discussed the naming of the newest baseball field in Lincoln Douglass Complex. The board decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- d. Long-Range Planning – none.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – Maribeth. None.
 - b. Finance – Rick. Mark presented the first draft of the 2014-15 Playground and Recreation Budget.
 - c. Parks – Eldon –
 - i. Tami asked if the board was interested in using the gazebo in currently in Reddick Library. The board declined the offer of the gazebo.
 - ii. Phil suggested adding more lights to Green Street Park. Discussion but no action.
 - d. Programs – Phil – none
 - e. Pool -- – none
10. New Business –
- a. Phil notified the board the Marie had resigned and James would resign as soon as his appointment to city council became official.

Meeting adjourned.