

January 14, 2016 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Jay Aicher, Randy Bretag, Steve Kuhn, John Levy, Kevin Quick, Austin Monroe (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel

Guest: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold

1. John moved to approve December meeting minutes. Steve second. Motion passed.
2. Steve moved and Kevin second to accept December Recreation Financial Report. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept December Pool Financial Reports. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – Mark reported the Atlee Stalker was considering accepting the pool manager position. The board instructed Mark to contact Atlee with a deadline of January 31.
5. Commissioner's report: None.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported that there were 16 teams for adult basketball, a full league.
  - b. Mark reported that there had been a medical incident at adult basketball that resulted in OHS requiring a custodian to be present at all times. This increases that cost of playing at OHS from \$120 per day to \$480 per day. Mark reported that in response, many games will be played at Marquette's Bader Gym.
  - c. Mark reported that had been contacted by Illinois River Valley Soccer Association that is based in Seneca but has many Ottawa players. They had tentatively discussed using the Whitney Field Soccer field from the end of July through the beginning of November.
7. Old Business: none
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Construction in Progress: none
  - b. Park Inspections –
    - i. John noted concerns with the safety netting at both Varland little league and Peck Park's Pony League diamonds.
    - ii. Kevin and Phil discussed preliminary plans to meet with youth league representatives regarding park facilities upkeep.
  - c. Park Improvements –
    - i. Phil asked the board members to continue to think about repurposing the basketball and tennis court area of Thornton Park.
    - ii. Kevin suggested that there was room to create more parking in the Peck Park Softball complex.
    - iii. The board discussed with Bob Shull the possibility of a gravel path leading from Peck Park to Adams Street to make it safer for people from those neighborhoods to access Peck Park.

- d. Long range plan review – Tami discussed the importance of the recreation facility consulting group meetings. She reiterated that these are preliminary fact gathering meetings.
- e. Bike paths – Tami reported that bike paths will go to bid and be completed as soon as weather allows.
- f. New subdivisions/city acquisitions – none

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) Steve distributed a rough draft of language to add to the by-laws. The additional language would clarify purchasing guidelines and restrictions.
- b. Finance – (Maribeth, John)
  - i. Mark reviewed the Playground and Recreation Budget for 2016-17 with the board. John moved to adopt the budget. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - ii. Mark reviewed the Pool Budget for 2016-17. John moved to adopt the budget. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- c. Parks – (Kevin, Randy):
  - i. Phil asked the board to approve \$865 for fence openings leading to dugouts at Whitney Field. John moved to approve the expense. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - ii. Phil brought bids for replacing announcer booth roofs and adult softball bathroom roof to give to Bob Shull. Total cost to repair all the roofs would be approximately \$5000.
- d. Programs – Phil –
  - i. Phil reported that a donor had given Ottawa Baseball Boosters money. Phil proposed that the board and OBB split the cost to repair a section of outfield fence. The total repair cost would be \$4400 to be split \$2200 evenly between the board and OBB. Steve moved to allocate \$2200 for the fence repair. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - ii. Phil presented the Annual Youth League Program Information packet to the board. Randy suggested that the board add language recommending that there be one coach per team trained in CPR/First Aid.
- e. Pool -- none.

10. New Business – Phil announced that Jeanie Schafer resigned. He asked the board members to consider replacements.

11. Meeting adjourned.