

February 9, 2017 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Phil McNally, Danielle Piagentini, Austin Monroe, Maribeth Manigold, John Levy, Kevin Quick, Brian Porter, Randy Bretag (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Commissioner Less

Guests: Ottawa Soccer Club, Joe Torrones

Recreation Board Members Absent: None

1. Maribeth moved to approve January minutes. John second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved and Danielle second to accept January Recreation financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved and Brian second to accept January Pool financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.

Dave Van Weserin presented information regarding the formation of the Ottawa Soccer Club. The presentation included information about their finances, structure, and proposed field use.

Joe Torrones presented information regarding pickle ball. He requested that the city consider adding stripes to a court in the Lincoln Douglas Complex.

4. Pool: Pool manager not required to attend October through April
5. Commissioner's report: Commissioner Less noted that the council was preparing for upcoming budget discussions.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that the adult basketball was proceeding without incident.
 - b. Mark reported on efforts to provide concessions for adult softball.
7. Old Business – None
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Phil reported that preparations are underway to install fencing the OGFA field 4.
 - b. Park Inspections – Kevin presented a plan to improve parking at Peck Park. After discussion, the board directed him to share his plan with Tammy Huftel as the next step in implementation.
 - c. Long Range Plans – The board discussed Whitney field and the tree in the outfield. Phil was directed to pursue an appeal to the tree board's rejection of the board's request to remove the tree.
 - d. Bike Paths – The board discussed the bike path from Adams to Peck Park behind the neighborhood.
 - e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions – The board noted that it will receive land in a subdivision being developed on Ottawa's southwest side.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – none
- b. Financial (Austin) –
 - i. Austin moved that the board give final approval of the Playground and Recreation Budget. Maribeth second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Austin moved that the board give final approval of Riordan Pool's budget for 2017. Randy second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- c. Parks (Kevin and Randy) – Phil presented updated plans and costs for improvement of the area around North Side Little League.
- d. Programs – (Phil)
 - i. Phil presented the information packets that were to be mailed to the youth leagues. John moved that the board approve the information. Kevin second. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil announced that both Ottawa American and Ottawa National little leagues had submitted information regarding the 2016 season. He noted that the information from both leagues was incomplete. After discussion, the board declined to reconsider its earlier decision to refuse to pay 2016 maintenance money to these two leagues because they had not submitted complete documentation in a timely manner.
- e. Pool (Steve) – None

10. New Business

- a. The board discussed the soccer club presentation and agreed that if the club submitted the required information, the board would consider granting use of the requested fields.
- b. The board discussed Mr. Torriones pickle ball request. Steve volunteered to check with Tammy about the possibility of modifying one of the Lincoln Douglass Complex tennis courts for pickle ball.
- c. Austin moved that Mark be awarded a bonus of 5% of his salary. John second. Roll Call: all AYES. Motion passed.

11. Meeting adjourned.