

May 11, 2017 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Phil McNally, Danielle Piagentini, John Levy, Austin Monroe, Kevin Quick, Brian Porter, Randy Bretag (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation and Tracy Bianchi, Riordan Pool Director).

Others attending the meeting: None

Guests: None

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold

1. Phil moved to approve April minutes. Randy second. Motion passed.
2. Kevin moved and Phil second to accept April Recreation financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved and Kevin second to accept April Pool financial statement. Roll call: all AYES. Motion passed.
4. Guest: Kevin O'Conner addressed the board asking that it lift the ban on Miken Ultra bats in competitive leagues in adult softball. The board instructed Mark to solicit feedback from Tim Trumbo, Recreation Adult Sports Director, and return with a recommendation at the next board meeting.
5. Pool: Tracy reported the following:
 - a. No financial information to report.
 - b. The pool is being drained in preparation for preseason patching and painting.
 - c. Tentative opening day will be June 3
 - d. All permits have been received
 - e. Several rentals have already been scheduled
 - f. Several guards have been promoted to fill vacant leadership positions.
6. Commissioner's report: None
7. Director's Report:
 - a. Adult softball has registered 13-14 women's teams and 28-30 men's teams. That total is the same or better than last year.
 - b. Tim Trumbo has arranged with Coca Cola to place a drink vending machine at the ball diamonds. It should be running by the second week of games. The board will receive no revenue, but it will pay no costs.
 - c. The tennis program will begin its camps at the Lincoln Douglas courts for the first week or two depending on how long it takes to resurface the OHS courts.
 - d. Hiring for summer Rec supervisors is complete. There were many fewer applicants this year.
 - e. The brochure has been submitted and will be distributed as soon as the online registration is ready.
8. Old Business – None

9. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

- a. Construction in Progress – none
- b. Park Inspections – None
- c. Long Range Plans – None
- d. Bike Paths – None
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

10. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Austin) – None
- b. Financial (Kevin) – None
 - i. Parks (John) – Kevin moved to pay \$2850 for removal of the tree in the centerfield of Whitney Field. Phil second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. The board discussed trees to be planted in the Masinelli and Whitney Field areas. John moved to purchase four trees for \$1700. Brian Second. Roll Call: All AYE. Motion Passed.
- d. Programs – (Phil)
 - i. The board was informed that Ottawa Baseball Boosters had properly submitted all the required paperwork to receive maintenance money. Kevin moved to pay OBB \$2500 for maintenance in 2017. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil reported on his conversation with the Ottawa Youth Soccer League.
 - iii. Phil motioned that the board purchase an additional safety net for \$1350. Randy Second. Roll Call: all AYES. Motion passed.
 - iv. The board discussed future improvements at Whitney field including fencing the outfield for Whitney. John moved that the board agree to pay \$6500 of the total estimate of \$12900 of the fence. Randy second. Roll Call: all AYES. Motion Passed. Phil agreed to approach the OHS booster club asking that it pay for the remaining portion of the fence.
 - v. Phil reported on meetings he had with Illinois Power to install wooden poles for netting and Amerin regarding running a power line from Champlain Street to the Whitney backstop.
- e. Pool (Steve) – See above.

11. New Business – none

12. Meeting adjourned.