

October 9, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

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

Others attending the meeting: Bob Shull, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Kuhn

1. John moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Kevin second. Motion passed
2. John moved to accept the September Recreation financial report. Kevin second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Eldon moved to accept the September Pool financial reports. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report – not required to attend October through April
5. Commissioner's report – None.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Mark reported that the fall softball season had finished uneventfully. He reported that he had received over one hundred responses to a survey to measure softball player satisfaction.
  - b. Mark reported that the 12th annual Harvest Dance will be held at the K of C on Sunday, October 19 from 2 to 4.
7. Old Business:
  - a. The board discussed raising Recreation Summer Workers and Mark's salary for 2014-5 budget. John motioned to give the summer recreation hourly workers, with the exception of those making minimum wage, and Mark a 2.5% raise. He further motioned that the board reward Mark with a 3% bonus (\$482) for the past summer. Tess Second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
  - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – there is still work to be done on Whitney Field.
  - b. Bike Paths – Phil announced that there would be a bike path meeting October 10 to discuss bike paths on Main Street.
  - c. Long range plan review – none
  - d. Construction in Progress and Long-Range Planning – Playground equipment installation at Hollywood Park will begin Oct. 24.
  - e. Future parks – None
9. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws – (Maribeth) none
  - b. Finance – (Maribeth) John volunteered to be part of the committee

- c. Parks – (Eldon)
    - i. Eldon collected park inspection forms, thanked Bob Shull for his efforts at the parks, and discussed Allen Park and Fox River Park.
    - ii. Phil presented information about a proposal to the City of Ottawa from Edmund Thornton regarding Thornton Park and three acres west of Boyce Memorial Drive.
  - d. Programs – Phil –
    - i. Phil noted that Pony League is getting new trees and sodding the infield.
    - ii. The board discussed the Bridges request for a grant to run a variety of programs. Maribeth moved to give Bridges the requested amount of \$3800. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
  - e. Pool -- – see above.
10. New Business – The board discussed construction of a new multi-use baseball-softball field at Peck Park. Concerns included parking, costs, and the fact the Pony League had not been contacted for input. After discussion, the board took no action.
11. Meeting adjourned.