

May 9, 2014 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Eldon Leemhuis, John Levy, Steve Kuhn
Rick Leese, Kevin Quick, Jeane Schafer (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel

Guests: None

Recreation Board Members Absent: Tess Burke, Maribeth Manigold

1. Steve moved to approve the April minutes. Rick second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the April Recreation financial report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept the April pool financial report. Eldon second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report (Anne unable to attend, meeting with pool painter):
 - a. Opening day will be June 1 with Free Admission
 - b. All needed maintenance has been scheduled
 - c. Eight rentals scheduled so far
5. Commissioner's report – In Commissioner Aussem's absence, Phil reported that the Whitney Field dedication responsibility would be assumed by Phil.
6. Director's Report:
 - a. Mark reported that hiring for summer park staff had been completed
 - b. Mark reported that there would be a few fewer programs this summer, but still near 50 total camps.
 - c. Mark reported that there were forty mens teams and 17 womens teams signed up for softball, about the same as last year. The season will begin Monday, May 19.
7. Old Business: none
8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex –
 - i. Phil reported that outfield fencing completed at Whitney Field.
 - ii. Phil requested that the board contribute \$1000 to OBB to reimburse OBB for the upkeep of Whitney Field being used for high school games. John moved that the Rec board reimburse OBB \$1000 dollars. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
 - iii. The parks building at LD is being vacated.
 - b. Bike Paths – Currently being lined. Cost will come in under budget.
 - c. Future Parks – None

- d. Construction in Progress and Long-Range Planning – The city will remove the roads and old power poles from Fox River Park, and it will install new electrical and power stations.

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws – (Maribeth) The board listened to and discussed the first reading of a proposed by-law regarding the amount of time guests are allowed to speak. The Board will hear the second reading in June and vote on adoption at that time.
- b. Finance – (Rick) Mark and Rick informed the board that the Playground and Recreation budget had been cut by \$14,000 to \$240,000 from \$254,000 which had been last year. The reduction was taken out of the Construction in Progress Fund which left the board with approximately \$24,000 in that fund for the 2014-15 budget.
- c. Parks – Eldon
 - i. A round bench will be installed around a tree in East Side Park.
 - ii. Eldon is in the process of compiling a list of park maintenance items that will cost money to repair so that the board and the Parks department can prioritize.
 - iii. Steve asked Tami if City Council had approved the Playground and Recreation Long-Range Park Plan. Tami replied that Commissioner Aussem had not brought it to vote.
 - iv. Steve moved that the Rec board purchase ten trees for Walsh Park at a total cost of \$4000. The cost includes planting the trees in the Walsh Park Arboretum. John second. Roll Call: All AYES. Motion passed.
- d. Programs – Phil –
 - i. Phil reported that Commissioner Aussem's had paid for cement work at Varland Park out of his budget.
 - ii. Phil Reported that Ottawa Girls Fast Pitch is doing concrete work. Phil authorized \$600 (approximate) to pay for materials.
 - iii. John moved to pay \$2000 for security lighting at the Ottawa Fast Pitch fields. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYE. Motion passed.
 - iv. Steve moved to pay OBB maintenance money for the 2014 season. Rick second. Roll Call: All AYE. Motion passed.
 - v. Rick Moved to pay North Side Little League maintenance money for the 2014 season. Steve second. Roll Call: All AYE. Motion passed.
- e. Pool -- – None

Steve moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing salaries and personnel. John second. Motion passed.

Steve moved to come out of closed session. John second. Motion passed.

10. New Business

- a. John moved that the board review Anne and Mark's performance at the September board meeting for the purpose of considering a bonus. Eldon Second. Motion passed.

11. Meeting adjourned.