

October 13, 2011 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Steve Kuhn, Tess Burke, Andree Marie Koban, Maribeth Manigold, Phil McNally, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel, Bob, Shull, Ottawa Youth Football Representatives

Recreation Board Members Absent: Eldon Leemhuis, Marie McLaughlin

Long Range Planning

- Andree Marie reported that the skate park was strewn with garbage and the new benches had been vandalized. She, along with Bob Shull, has solicited suggestions from users. She reported that an area resident has reported that there is drug dealing and use at the park. Her recommendation was that the board decide on a direction for the park, either to improve, maintain, or abandon. Suggestions: Install Additional lighting. Paint Equipment with paint already purchased for that purpose.
- Phil reported on Turnberry Park. His only suggestion was that benches be installed in the spots that have been already prepared.

Regular Meeting

1. Tess motioned to approve the September minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Andree Marie motioned to accept the September recreation report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's report (presented by Steve):
 - a. It may be possible to have the asphalt removed from the dog park.
 - b. The commissioner, Steve, and others had heard a presentation from a consulting group proposing to build a recreation center in Ottawa.
4. Director's report:
 - a. Mark reported that fall softball season had been completed successfully. He thanked Ray Gerkitz, Tim Bault, and Tim Trumbo for their leadership. Although the final figures for softball concession are not in, it appears that concession made a profit of approximately \$6000. Mark also reported on a player suspended from the recreation activities for the next year.
 - b. Mark reported that the soccer goals had been purchased and picked up with the help of Bob Shull and the park's department, whom Mark thanked. The Rec board will decide where the goals go and when they are to be installed.
 - c. Mark discussed preparations for the Harvest Dance to be held October 16, 2-4 at the Knights of Columbus. He acknowledged Jane Schomas' efforts in soliciting door prizes.
5. Old Business: Maribeth reported that she contacted Bridges and found that apparently the fitness program served only eight people regularly. The board asked Maribeth to send a letter asking for more specific information to better account for money being spent.
6. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – Tami noted that future of the Tennis courts in the complex is unclear.

- b. Bike Paths – none
- c. Future Parks –
 - i. Brian Burant from OYF and the board discussed the possibility of using the new Central School football field.
 - ii. Dog park groups are talking. Waiting for EPA inspection to be completed before any more concrete planning can be done.

7. Committee Reports

- a. By-Laws – none
- b. Financial – none
- c. Parks
 - i. Rick asked Bob to assess the bridge at Phelps Park to prevent it from becoming so slippery when wet.
 - ii. Maribeth clarified that the city leash law applied in the parks
 - iii. Tami announced that the city did not receive a grant to develop the Gaul property.
 - iv. Tami announced that the city did not receive a grant to develop the pool.
- d. Programs
 - i. South Side little league is planting trees at Varland. Phil Motioned to reimburse Kiley Hagi \$300 for trees purchased for Varland. Andree Marie second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - ii. Ottawa Baseball Boosters made \$650 worth of repairs to their mower that is used at Masinelli. OBB requested that the Rec board pay for some of the repairs. Andree Marie motioned that the Rec board pay for all of the repairs. Rick Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - iii. Phil reported that the bid to improve and repair fences at Varland Park was \$3150. South Side Little League asked that this cost be split with the Rec board. Phil motioned that Rec board pay \$1575 of the cost with the understanding that Parks department would pay half of that cost (\$787.50) for the Rec board. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
 - iv. Pool
 - 1. Steve reported on the public meeting help regarding the pool. The pool committee hopes to have an advisory referendum on the 2012 ballot.
 - 2. Phil submitted a bill for 2542.64 for approval from Mucci Kirkpatrick. All the exhaust fans were completely refurbished. Phil motioned that the Rec board pay the bill. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - 3. Clegg Perkins has not yet begun to work on its punch list of electrical repairs.
 - 4. Phil reported on estimates to make the entrance to the pool ADA compliant. Phil motioned that the board accept the

bid from Dean's Dynamic Concrete for \$1890. Tess
Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

8. New Business
 - a. Bob offered several pallets of pavers to the board for use in future park projects.
 - b. Steve suggested that the board send a baby gift to Marie. Andree Marie volunteered to get the gift.
 - c. Steve announced that Lori Cook has resigned from the board.
9. Meeting adjourned.