

November 10, 2011 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Eldon Leemhuis, Tess Burke, Andree Marie Koban, Rick Leese, Maribeth Manigold, (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation)

Others attending the meeting: Tami Huftel, Bob Shull, Commissioner Aussem, James Less

Recreation Board Members Absent: Phil McNally, Steve Kuhn, Marie McLaughlin,

Long Range Planning

- Eldon reported on Fox River Park.
- Eldon reported on Allen Park. He suggested the board consider adding a large shelter, moving the play area and band shell, and creating more parking so it, too, could be utilized for community events. However, Eldon suggested a hands off approach until the future of the old Central School is settled.
- Tess will report on Kiwanis Park in December.

Regular Meeting

1. Tess motioned to approve the October minutes. Andre Marie second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth motioned to accept the October financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Maribeth moved to pay the bill for \$1200 from Dean's Dynamic Concrete for painting at the pool. Rick second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
4. Commissioner's report
 - a. Reported on talks regarding utilizing Thornton Park Tennis courts. Conclusion was that the courts would need to be reconstructed and resurfaced, and the cost was prohibitive.
 - b. James Less will be the joining the Recreation Board.
5. Director's report:
 - a. Mark reported on meetings with Ray Gerkitz, Tim Bault, and Tim Trumbo to reflect on the 2011-12 season. He also reported on the concession stand profits.
 - b. Mark reported that a record number, approximately 150 people, attended the Harvest Dance held October 16, 2-4 at the Knights of Columbus. He acknowledged Jane and Rod Schomas' efforts in soliciting door prizes and hosting the dance.
 - c. Mark reported that the Euchre tournament had 10 teams.
6. Old Business
 - a. Maribeth reported that she is still working on getting information from Bridges regarding their use of the Recreation Board money.

- b. Commissioner Aussem reported that the EPA found one area of the Weatherby project is slightly contaminated. This is delaying development. Dave Noble is investigating options.
 - c. Andree Marie reported that the dog park groups seem to be struggling to get the park framework going. Eldon suggested that the Rec board consider running the park without the groups.
- 7. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
 - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex – none
 - b. Bike Paths – none
 - c. Future Parks – none
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws – none
 - b. Financial – none
 - c. Parks –
 - i. The board asked Bob Shull to ask the parks department to refinish picnic tables.
 - ii. The board discussed progress at the skate park.
 - d. Programs – none
 - e. Pool -- none
- 9. New Business – none
- 10. Meeting adjourned.