

September 12, 2013 Playground and Recreation Board minutes

Recreation Board Members Present: Tess Burke, John Levy, Phil McNally, Steve Kuhn, Maribeth Manigold, James Less (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation, Anne Johnson, Riordan Pool Manager)

Others attending the meeting: none

Recreation Board Members Absent: Eldon Leemhuis, Rick Leese, Marie McLaughlin

1. Steve moved to approve the August minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed
2. Steve moved to accept the August Recreation financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Steve moved to accept the August pool financial report. Tess second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report:
  - a. Anne reviewed the final pool financial report and attendance totals.
  - b. Anne reported the pool was rented six more times this year than last.
  - c. Anne discussed the mechanical difficulties that forced the pool to close earlier than scheduled. Repairs may be difficult due to the age of the broken equipment.
  - d. In the offseason, Anne would like to finish replacing all filters and replace drain grates if needed as per state inspector recommendation.
5. Commissioner's report: None.
6. Director's Report:
  - a. Summer Recreation
    - i. Mark presented the expense report. Over 3800 youths participated in Recreation events over the summer. Mark reported on the programs with significant cost over runs. Overall, summer recreation cost the Rec board less than \$4.50 per child.
  - b. Adult Softball
    - i. Mark reported that fall softball was halfway through the season. There had been minor problems with vandalism in the restrooms.
    - ii. Mark reported that PetSmart had used the fields August 24 with no incident.
    - iii. Mark reminded the board that the senior harvest dance was scheduled for the third Sunday in October.
  - c. Other – Mark reported that he contributed \$200 from Ottawa Playground and Recreation toward the Pumpkin Pie Ride on October 6.
7. Old Business
  - a. The field use guidelines were tabled.
  - b. Steve moved to approve the long-range park plan developed by the board and to send the plan to council for approval. Tess second. Motion Passed.

8. Long-Range Planning and Board goals
    - a. Lincoln-Douglas Complex
      - i. Steve reported that the parking lot construction on old Utica drive was complete and was approximately 20,000 under budget.
      - ii. Steve suggested that extra fencing be installed on the Masinelli East field and soccer field to prevent parking on the fields. After discussion, Steve moved to spend up to \$10,000 on fencing at the new fields. Maribeth Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.
    - b. Bike Paths – Phil reported that Commissioner Aussem tentatively agreed to work with the Starved Rock Bike Club to contribute money toward painting bike lanes.
    - c. Future Parks
      - i. Phil reported that the Hollywood Park play equipment bids would be available for the October Rec board meeting.
    - d. Long-Range Planning – none
  9. Committee Reports
    - a. By-laws – Maribeth. None.
    - b. Finance – Rick. None
    - c. Parks – none
    - d. Programs – Phil
      - i. Reported that OBB is putting up a brick wall at Masinelli down the third base line. Wall donated anonymously.
      - ii. Pony league has cleaned up construction materials.
      - iii. Steve moved to spend up to \$1000 to pay for maintenance on Masinelli East and new soccer field. John second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.
      - iv. Reported on conflicts within the girls softball league.
    - e. Pool -- – none
  10. New Business -- none
- Meeting adjourned.