

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

May 21, 2024

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Rob Martin, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Holly Frische, Jeremy Kalb, Kyle Lockmiller, Greg Meyers, Jim Seebald.

Staff Present: Dave Honse, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting, by Meyers, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Recreation Area Update: Kalb reported that the City is working with consultants on the specifics of the engineering. Lead consultant is Strand and there are subconsultants for electrical, bridge engineer, landscaping, etc. Had an onsite meeting where the whole Strand team came to Findlay to see the site as well as get a feel for Findlay for inspiration to help further design the park and bridge components. End of June or July we should be getting a little more in depth on our design and have a couple more options. Kalb stated that they chose the Hunger Skateparks as consultants for the skate park development. Director Martin stated that flood mitigation is the priority in any element of the Downtown Recreation Area. Hunger Skateparks have experience in designing skate parks in floodplains. Cordonnier stated that a lot of parks are floodplain ground. Findlay is not the only city using floodplain area as a park. Kalb stated that FEMA understands the use of parks on floodplain areas. They understand that it can't just be grass that has to be mowed and maintained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported a whole building generator was delivered for the Cube building, waiting for the switch which is expected in October. Working with contractor for replacement arena flooring, scheduled for August. Have summer ice in, Learn to Skate has 19 participants, added a Learn to Skate for hockey with 9 registered, will run a skate camp with 20 registered so far. OHSAA district 4 baseball semifinals tomorrow; host finals on Friday. Two school groups are scheduled the next week. Implemented a new scheduling software that is working out well. Baseball and softball league and tournaments are in full swing at multiple locations throughout Findlay. Keep Active scheduled throughout the summer.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Honse reported swimming pool is set to open Saturday. One of the soccer groups donated weed and feed for Emory Adams Park. Will start putting in Rawson Park's tennis court and pickleball court next week, will start with the fencing and then paint. Pickleball group wanted permission to hang signs regarding rules at the pickleball court. Honse told the group that the City can't enforce the rules. Director Martin said he could go either way on replacing the signs. Kalb stated that it should be etiquette vs. rules.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk