

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
March 19, 2018

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Dave Trisel.

Staff Present: Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Judy Pusateri, United Way of Hancock County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the December 18, 2017, meeting, by Meyers, second by Trisel. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Waiver Request-United Way: Judy Pusateri of the United Way of Hancock County announced that as part of the United Way's Annual Campaign kick off this year they are planning a kickball tournament and would like to hold it at the Marathon Diamonds. For the kickball tournament the United Way would need four fields for five hours. They will have a total of 16 teams with a registration fee of \$200 per team. The event will be free and open to the public. The event will be an alcohol free, family event for all community members. The United Way will be offering a meal for \$5 per family. The income generated from the kickball team registrations will go toward covering the cost of the food. Pusateri is requesting that the fee to rent the fields be waived. In exchange, the City of Findlay will be listed as a major sponsor of the event in material and promotions.

Discussion ensued regarding needing to develop a policy or guidelines for consideration of waiving fees for facility rentals.

Motion to waive fees for four ballfields at Marathon Diamonds for five hours on September 20, 2018, for the United Way's Annual Campaign kick off and kickball tournament in exchange for listing as a major sponsor of the event, by Pruitt, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 8-0.

Recreation Summit Recap: Mansfield reported that the user groups don't feel the summit is necessary. The summit was held because the user groups didn't feel that their requests were being heard. Most if not all of the user groups concerns have been addressed. The only thing out there is the suggestion to add a multipurpose arena or second sheet of ice. The study that was completed determined that a second sheet of ice is not needed. Some groups still say it is. Mansfield stated that the City is not in a position to add a second sheet of ice. The City has more pressing items to take care of before considering a second sheet of ice. A multipurpose center would be great but who will pay for it and what does the day to day operation of it look like. Mansfield stated that she gets out and talk to the user groups as they are at the facility. They are constantly in touch throughout the seasons. McPheron stated that a multipurpose facility would serve a variety of groups versus a second sheet of ice serving a select few. Director Thomas suggested that the user groups could come up with a plan for the second sheet of ice for funding and use. Meyers stated that we should tap into people outside of the user groups. What is the general public wanting. Mansfield stated that she is already developing a survey that will go out to the human resources departments of various companies in Findlay to disperse to their employees for input. Mansfield and her team have already been discussing ways to fill the current gaps in available ice time. One suggestion was to have company team building exercises on the ice, using a meeting room for additional training and bring in a catered lunch. Also considering an over 50 kickball league in partnership with 50 North.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the softball managers meeting was held and their games will start on May 13. Indoor Lacrosse will be held March 20 April 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 30 kids have preregistered. A coach at Ohio Northern University just moved to Findlay and wants to get involved, so will be helping out. The Pitch Hit and Run event will be held April 21. Gliding Stars and Silver Blades will be having their shows. The University of Findlay baseball and softball openers are being held.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated the Green Waste Site will open April 3. Working to get the parks ready. The City was awarded a grant from the Hancock Parks Foundation to install drinking fountains in the parks. Leftover funding will be used to purchase trees to plant in the parks. In April will begin working on the pool to get it ready to open. Will be paving the Pickleball Courts when the asphalt plants open.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that new park brochures for Oakwoods, Litzenberg, and Riverbend are being developed with maps and directions. Rebuilding of Shelter 2 at Riverbend Park is out for bid for the demolition and rebuilding. The project is scheduled to start in May.

Past Liberty-Benton FFA class built the fishing pier at Shank Lake at Oakwoods Nature Preserve. The current Liberty-Benton FFA and alumni is replacing the wood planks with composite material to prevent slipping when wet and will install ADA rated railings. Also will be restriping the parking lot at the waterfalls to designate one way in and one way out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for April 16, 2018, at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk