

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
August 19, 2013

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mayor Lydia Mihalik, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Bob Nichols, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough.

Staff Present: Lu Draper, Matt Stoffel, and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 17, 2013, meeting, by Nichols, second by Mayor Mihalik. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of use of 100 Block of North Main Street: HRPC coordinate a planning charrette. Great spur for economic development for north end. Use as an Event Location. Feel out Commissioner want hear thoughts. Cordonnier will reach out to the Commissioners.

Discussion of lease of small portion of Millstream Art Plaza: The lease on use of a small portion of Millstream Art Plaza has expired. A new tenant is proposed to occupy the building adjacent to this area. The new tenant is interested in leasing this space. After the last tenant moved out of the building, they left a mess that the City's Street Department went in and cleaned up. Millstream Art Plaza was created for public use. More and more people are using this park. The whole area can be utilized. It was built for weddings, movies, concerts, etc. Nichols stated that if the City decides to lease it again, it should require a security deposit. Move to table request for further discussion by Nichols, second by Mayor Mihalik. Motion passed 7-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that the girls fastpitch softball tournament held at the Diamonds received rave reviews. AMA scored 100% on the facility. The only fallback was that the Diamonds does not sell bratwurst, so we went and got brats and sold them the rest of the weekend. We had inclement weather but were able to have full tournament. No other sites previously did opening ceremonies for this tournament. A National ASA representative stated that Findlay, Ohio, has the best complex in the United States. The Diamonds has been awarded the U16-U18 16 year old state tournament. Jim Welch is phenomenal tournament director. Fields do not drain as well as should so we have to use the shop vac to suck up puddles. We held a wedding at the Cube. The bride and groom loved it. There was plenty of parking and plenty of room. The football complex opened Saturday-Sunday. Bleachers are not in. Using concession trailer for concessions at this time.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Eagle Scout project was done at Riverside Park. Helped the Amvets with a memorial bench for Pat Enck. Umbrellas are installed at the swimming pool. Preparing Emory Adams Park for BalloonFest.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Aeroland-new sign old gates down. Safety issues resolved, soccer, fishing hiking. The Hancock Park District is conducting a survey for its Strategic and Comprehensive Plan process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for September 16, 2013, 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