

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
May 19, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Bob Nichols, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough.

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

Guests Present: Jim Carpenter, Coed Volleyball Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 21, 2014, meeting was not approved for lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Policies and Procedures and Rate Schedule: Coaching Policy: Draper developed a policy for coaches who want to use Public ice at no charge to them and then charge students to coach them. This is no different than if a vendor came in to use the ice. Vendors are charged a fee to use City facilities. Coaches have been coming in during Public ice time, not paying the admission fee to get in, and then charging students to coach them during this time. The students pay the admission cost as well as the coaching fee. The policy states that the coaches shall pay a \$50.00 fee for 6 months. There have been 10-25 coaches utilizing the ice at no charge. A memo will be displayed stating the new policy.

Pool Slide: Director Schmelzer stated that installation of the new slide at the pool has been delayed due to permitting processes.

Pool Study: Director Schmelzer stated that we will be getting an update from the consultant soon. The delay was the question of whether we could hold sanctioned tournaments in the current depth. It was determined that we will need to increase to a 7foot depth if we want to hold sanctioned tournaments. The consultant will plug in the requirements then come back to the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to give their report.

Miracle Field and Additional Two Fields: Director Schmelzer stated that he is in the process of getting engineering proposals for the Miracle Field and two additional ball fields. Cannot get easement where we wanted so looking to go through east side of parcel.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance with Winter Volleyball League: Jim Carpenter, outgoing president of the Coed Volleyball League, stated that they have using Glenwood for many years. The league previous to last year did not have to have liability insurance. Now the Findlay City Schools are requiring them to have liability insurance. The league always felt like they were an extension of the City's Recreation Department. That is why the league requested to use City's insurance last year. The winter coed volleyball league used to be a City run league. It is no longer run by the City. Findlay City Schools allows the league to use its facilities, but requires liability insurance. Since the league is no longer part of the City, the league cannot use the City's insurance. Director Schmelzer stated that it is not cumbersome to obtain liability insurance. League should have no trouble obtaining it. The City would like to see the winter league continue, but cannot have it run under the City's insurance. Carpenter was also concerned that since the league is no longer associated with the City, they will have to pay rental fees to Findlay City Schools.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that they are trying to promote the National Softball team coming and working on getting volunteers to help. There are several tournaments scheduled. New events at the Cube include a drive-in movie in the parking lot, flea market, antique valuation, demonstration of repurposing items – trash to treasure. We received the new bleachers for the Marathon Diamonds. The summer ice season is up and running. Last year the summer Learn to Skate program had 10 participants. To date we have 31 paid participants without advertising the program. Also two hockey camps will be scheduled.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported that they are getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. The pool is filled and are getting it ready to open. They are finishing up renovation work on the Bandshell in cooperation with the Hancock Park District to get it ready for the Concert Series. The masonry of the Bandshell will fixed with the next distribution of Hancock Park District Foundation grant monies. This year's grant monies are being used to fix roofs on shelterhouses in Riverside Park. The project to replace the base surface with a rubber surface at the Kiddie Koral is almost complete.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt stated that the Zonta Landing Boat Rentals will be open weekends and Holidays starting Memorial Day weekend. The Concert Series at Riverside Park will begin June 11 on Wednesdays with one Sunday evening performance. Dan Boyd, Park Operations Manager, will be retiring. Bill Patch will be assuming Boyd's duties along with maintaining his current duties starting June 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for June 16, 2014, 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