

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

June 16, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Bob Nichols, Shane Pochard, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, and Dave Trisel.

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

Guests Present: Paul Faisant and Eric Gillespie, Lowes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the April 21, 2014, and May 19, 2014, meetings, by McPheron, second by Slough.

Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of New Board Member-Dave Trisel: Dave Trisel was recently appointed to the Board and is filling an unexpired term. His term will expire on December 31, 2014.

Lowes Heroes: Paul Faisant and Eric Gillespie of the local Lowes Store explained the Lowes Heroes program. They explained that it is a way to have their employees volunteer in the community. Grant monies would be applied for by the City through the Lowes' community grants program and Lowes would provide the volunteers. The grant monies available generally are around \$1200 with the labor being free. Lowes generally has approximately 120 people volunteer. Lowes is able to get supplies for a project at cost, so the grant monies go further. They suggested possibly doing a project at a City park. They suggested Mound Park. Stoffel reported that they have tried to spruce up this park before. The residents in the area prefer that it not be improved. Other suggestions were build a shelterhouse at Swale Park or assist with the potential Miracle Field project.

Request to Waive rental fees at Riverside Park: Emily Dysinger was to attend to request the waiving of rental fees for a shelterhouse at Riverside Park. She was not in attendance at the meeting. Therefore, no decision was made.

Tour of the Cube and Diamonds: Draper gave a tour of the Cube and the Diamonds. She explained all the preparations that are going into the USA Softball event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that USA Softball team is here. The team did a camp for 150 girls in the morning and then signed autographs. They are practicing at Findlay High School. This is the first time the game is being held in northwest Ohio. Part of the reason they chose Findlay is the great relations we have with the ASA. The president of the ASA is from Ohio and he pushed them to play here. Temporary bleachers were brought in and other bleachers have been moved to the outfield area to accommodate the attendees (expected to be 5,000 people). Temporary concessions have been set up outside the outfield fence. The Public Works Department has been assisting the Recreation Department the last 2-3 weeks getting things ready for the event. Today started the youth skate camp with 36 attendees. Also doing a mini camp due to the overwhelming response. Draper is working to bring a flea market to the Cube. A drive in movie is scheduled for July 18 at the Cube in the parking lot. Tournaments are scheduled nearly every weekend. The Great Lakes Ultimate World Series is scheduled in July, FAST has two swim meets scheduled this summer at the pool, Winefest is this weekend at Riverside. The Cube hosted the Ohio High School Women's regional softball tournament, and after the tournament was told that the Division 3 and 4 and Men's team tournaments may locate in Findlay. The football complex received a grant to build the building. The football organization currently maintains the fields. Eventually the City will take over. A Public Works employee is currently volunteering his time mowing and fertilizing the field.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported that his employees are spending a lot of time at the Diamonds and ballfield maintenance. They completed 80 yards of concrete work at the Cube, and the shelter construction is complete at the pool. The slide has been ordered for the pool. The Bandshell renovation is complete and sound system is installed with the assistance of the Hancock Park District. The first concert went well. The roofing project for the shelters at Riverside Park is completed. The Green Waste Site is very active, mulch sales are steady. Eagle Creek Skate Park is in bad shape, currently upgrading it to make it safe. It is suggested to possibly close Eagle Creek Skate Park and move it to Riverside Park. This would need to be put in the Capital budget. The new skate park would be all concrete. Public Works employees could build.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that they had a good start to the summer concerts in Riverside Park. He thanked Matt Stoffel and John Krynock for their work to renovate the Bandshell and install the sound system. Pruitt received great comments on the improvements.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for July 21, 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