

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

July 21, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPherson, Greg Meyers, Bob Nichols, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, Dave Trisel.

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

Guests Present: Grant Russel, Councilman; Greg, Karen, Kyle, and Will Herrold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 16, 2014, meeting, by Slough, second by Nichols. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Soccer Wall: Kyle Herrold would like to place a soccer wall at Emory Adams Park. This will be used for practice of shooting, passing, and kicking. This can be used by soccer teams, players, etc. who use Emory Adams Park. The suggested location is at the southeast loop of Emory Adams Park or by Fort Findlay Park. The wall will cost approximately \$850. Kyle will be doing fundraising to pay for the wall. The dimensions of the wall will be 24' wide by 8' tall using 4'x8' panels of ¾" plywood-painted and anchored in concrete. The Board asked if he contacted Hancock Soccer Association regarding his idea. He has not yet. The Board also asked if there is a portable version available. Kyle stated that a portable version is available. Schmelzer would like to hear from Hancock Soccer Association as to whether they would prefer a fixed wall or a portable wall. Schmelzer stated that this is a great idea. He requested that Kyle talk with the Hancock Soccer Association to ask their preference of a fixed wall or a portable wall, and if they prefer a fixed wall, ask them to provide a couple preferred locations. After talking with the Hancock Soccer Association, bring back the results of the discussion in the form of a letter from the Hancock Soccer Association to the Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion. Schmelzer stated that the City can provide assistance in digging the holes. The Board is in support of Kyle's project.

Clean up of Parks: Kyle and Will Herrold addressed the Board. They are requesting permission to put together a team of friends to help clean up the parks by pulling weeds once a month for volunteer hours. They are calling themselves "The Weeding Warriors." The Board is in support of their effort.

Facility Rental Agreement: Draper reported that the Facility Rental Agreement has been revised to include all City facilities rather than just the Cube. There is also more detail, taking away the gray area.

The Cube On Ice Rental Agreement: Draper presented The Cube on Ice Rental Agreement for approval. Draper stated that user groups who reserve ice time will be responsible for payment of the amount of ice time they reserve. In the past the user groups would reserve a block of ice time and only pay for the amount of time they actually used. Motion to approve The Cube on Ice Rental Agreement supporting the concept for billing purposes subject to approval by Law Director by Meyers, second by Slough. Motion passed 8-0.

5-10-15 Year Plan: Councilman Russel asked the Board if there is currently a 5, 10, or 15 Year Plan in place for parks and recreation in Findlay. City Council has been approached by Findlay City Schools regarding the potential of purchasing City property near Cooper Field for a new school bus garage. Are there future plans for this area, additional ballfields, etc.? Currently there is no 5, 10, or 15 Year Plan in place. Schmelzer asked the Board if a garage is built on this property, would there be a conflict? Schmelzer stated that it would be a win for the City in relation to additional parking for the ballfield. Schmelzer stated that it would be a good idea to have at least a 5 year plan in place that is reviewed and updated annually for budget purposes. In the past the Board has hosted a Recreation Summit bringing all user groups together. Schmelzer stated that it is a good idea to hold a Summit every two years to produce a plan.