

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

August 18, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present: Matt Stoffel, and Kathy Launder.

Guests Present: none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the July 21, 2014, meeting, by McPheron, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Miracle Field: Schmelzer stated that the Miracle Field project will consist of two softball fields and a Miracle Field. A lot of Findlay residents travel to Toledo to use their Miracle Field and have expressed great interest in having one built in Findlay. Locally, Gliding Stars will get involved with the Miracle Field. Specifications for the field are currently being looked at and will talk with league to make multipurpose, for example kickball, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Alternative Plan (TAP) application grant awarded: Schmelzer stated that Findlay was awarded TAP funding in excess of \$2 million for downtown improvements making it more pedestrian friendly. The plans include a portion of South Cory Street being made one way with one lane for motorists and one lane for bicycles/pedestrians. South Cory Street is included in the Trails project that the Hancock Park District has developed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Schmelzer state that the Recreation Department has been busy with baseball and softball tournaments. The next drive in movie is scheduled for August 23 showing Rio 2. The "Find It In Findlay" Flea Market is scheduled for August 23 and 24. The condenser replacement was bid.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported that they are continually working on ballfields, mowing parks, etc. The Health Department is looking into a fitness zone grant. The jumps at Eagle Creek Skate Park are being repaired. An Eagle Scout project will be completed at Eagle Creek Skate Park consisting of building small jumps and a bench, and painting everything blue and gold. Cooper and Rawson Fields are getting a lot of play and the surface is holding up well.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that they are partnering with the Humane Society again this year to host the DogPalooza at Riverbend Park dog park on September 13 and 14 for dogs and their owners. It was very successful last year. Fall hayrides will be offered at Riverbend from September 20 to November 1. This offering has become part of larger private events that are occurring at the park. HPD is offering group float trips. Participants and reserve canoes and HPD will transport, take in, and take out the canoes for these trips. HPD is looking to add guided canoe trips and instructional canoe techniques.

Indoor Volleyball: Trisel asked the status of indoor volleyball. Schmelzer stated that he has passed along an insurance provider that offers the liability insurance needed for this league. The City does not have coverage for the league. He has asked if it is possible to attach a rider to the City's insurance, but has not heard back from the City's insurance provider. The league will still have to work with the schools for fees charged.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for September 15, 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