

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

September 15, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the August 18, 2014, meeting, by McPheron, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Creek Skate Park: Stoffel reported that we are making the required repairs. An Eagle Scout candidate is giving the park a face lift as part of his project. The park could open by the end of the week. No further discussions for new skate park that will allow bikes and skateboards.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that they will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, Ignite the Ice with free skate and free learn to skate, celebrating 40 years of the HRC/Cube. Silver Blades will be using the 40 year theme. Retreat for Gliding Stars produced good comments. This group is really growing. Flea Market and Craft Show will continue next summer. Will be hosting four over July and August 2015; good comments; will advertise throughout the state. Findlay Youth Football going strong. Fall Baseball and Adult Softball fall season are underway. Need to set a date for the Recreation Summit. The idea to move the softball fields out of Emory Adams Park and into Swale Park came from the last summit held. Can utilize to assist in Capital Improvement budget planning. Schmelzer stated that we need a deliverable the board can look at annually. Good to do this every year. Hold the summit in February; send out surveys ahead for user groups; hold two separate summits-one for Spring/Summer groups and one for Fall/Winter groups. Draper reported that agreements have been written for ice user groups guaranteeing number of hours each group will use with corresponding payment of that ice time.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported that they are finishing up fall projects. The Eagle Scout candidate is working to complete the facelift of the Eagle Creek Skate Park. Met with Lowes to discuss the community project they want to do. They will be working on sprucing up Fort Findlay Playground. This year's project request for the Hancock Park District community grant is to renovate the Bandshell and replace shelterhouse roofs. A new fence was installed at Cooper Field.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the first draft of the plan is done. They will be focusing on potential upgrades and modernization of programs and facilities. Keep focus on the trails plan. The trails plan will be available to distribute at the October meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for October 20, 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