

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
March 16, 2015

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## 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.

Guests Present: Lisa Ragland, Church League Softball; Tim Manley, Silver Blades.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the February 17, 2015, meeting, by Pruitt, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

YMCA Contract for Riverside Pool: Director Schmelzer stated that the contract is up for consideration by City Council at its next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Summit: The Summit is scheduled for March 24, 2015, at 5:30pm at The Cube.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Reduction in Fees-Church League Softball: Lisa Ragland requested the field fees be waived for the Church League Softball again this year. Draper reported that the rate for field fees for the season is \$1000 per league plus \$100 administrative fee. Ragland stated that they have 24 teams in league. They play 1 hour games on Saturdays from 9am-3pm. This league uses Cooper Field and Rawson Field.

Ragland stated that the Church League lines and prepares field. Draper stated that the fields are only prepared for City run leagues. City run league fees are \$600 per team. Ragland stated that they charge \$200 per team that is in the league. These fees go towards paying umpire fees of \$18 per game per umpire and balls. Director Schmelzer stated that there is a bit of a disparity from what the leagues pay the umpires (approximately \$4000 over the season) and what the league has paid the City (\$200) to use the fields. Discussion ensued among Board members regarding charging \$500 this year and the full amount in 2016. Ragland expressed that she did not plan to have to pay a fee beyond the administrative fee. It will be a hardship to pay the \$500 upfront.

Motion to charge the Church League Softball \$500 for the 2015 season and charge the full amount of \$1000 field fee plus \$100 Administration Fee per league totaling \$1100.00 in 2016 and subsequent years, by Slough, second by Director Schmelzer. Amendment to motion to extend deadline to pay fee; pay \$200 when permit is filed and the remaining \$300 by the beginning of July 2015, by Director Schmelzer, second by Slough. Motion as amended passed 8-0.

Request for Reduction in Fees-Silver Blades: Tim Manley requested a reduced fee for use of the ice and building at The Cube for guest skaters to give lessons to members of the Silver Blades Club. They will be using the ice from 10am-12pm for the lessons; from 12pm-12:30pm Silver Blades Alumni will practice; from 12:30pm-1:30pm the guest skaters will have a meet & greet with opportunity for autographs with the members of the Silver Blades Club. Manley stated that the guest skaters charge \$25-\$35/hour per skater for lessons. Generally 20-30 kids participate. This is the third year that guest skaters have offered lessons. Silver Blades Club does not charge guest skaters for use of ice time for lessons.

Draper stated that the ice time fee is \$500 for 2 hours. Councilman Nichols stated that the fees have been set and Silver Blades Club should have to come up with how to pay it. Meyers stated that since the guest skaters are making money giving these lessons, he feels differently about giving a break on the fee for ice time.

Motion to charge \$400 (\$10 for every year Silver Blades has been a club) for 2 hours of ice time; waive the fee for the 30 minute practice of the Alumni skaters; and waive the fee for the building use for the 1 hour meet and greet, by Slough, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 8-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that Friday and Saturday nights had record breaking attendance at Open Skate. Sunday was the Gliding Stars Show. They only had a few empty seats. Silver Blades Show is this weekend. The Hancock County Gifted Children program held a program at the Cube with 168 skaters with lessons, lunch, and a presentation by the YMCA. Home school families from Bowling Green want to come down in May for a skating clinic. Findlay High School hockey team did really good, but fell short in the tournaments. Director Schmelzer stated that he was contacted by the supervisor of the gifted kids program stating that they will definitely come back again and that Lu Draper did a great job.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are getting the fields ready for Spring sports. The Green Waste Site will open on April 7.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt stated that Hancock Park District's guide has gone from a front and back 11x17 publication to a 12 page booklet with the plans to evolve to a 24 page booklet. This includes a description of the parks, rentals, programs, etc. This booklet can be found online. They have printed a few hard copies that are strategically placed at the Mazza Museum and other locations that target families. Director Schmelzer stated that a meeting was held regarding the trails plan. It was a great meeting. They examined current trails; what makes sense for next process; take advantage of grant opportunities to capitalize on plan. The City already utilized the plan in its TAP Application.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for April 20, 2015, 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