

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
August 17, 2015

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Bob Nichols, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, Brian Thomas, Dave Trisel.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the July 20, 2015, meeting, by Nichols, second by Schmelzer. Motion passed 8-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Assistant Recreation Supervisor: Schmelzer stated that he will have a candidate to introduce to the board at the next meeting.

Miracle Field: Schmelzer stated that the bid documents will be done today or tomorrow. Blanchard Valley Health System is receiving donations for the project. Currently the Miracle Field itself will be the only thing built. The plan for the full area is completed to include two additional baseball fields and a handicap accessible playground.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Donation of Playground Equipment at Mound Park: The City received an inquiry from St. Marks Church. If they donated playground equipment, would we be able to install it in Mound Park. Stoffel stated that historically the neighborhood was not in favor of adding playground equipment to Mound Park. Schmelzer stated that St. Marks Church will need to survey the neighborhood to determine if this is something they want. St. Marks Church has really been building their youth ministry program. They will be more vested in taking care of a playground. Draper reported that playgrounds at parks throughout the City are heavily utilized. Meyers stated that the neighbors should have a say in what the park looks like. Schmelzer stated that St. Marks Church will survey the neighborhood then give the board a report.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that the national men's fastpitch softball tournament was received well. We will begin an adult fastpitch league in the fall. Conversations with ice user groups for future needs. Right now numbers are up and they don't have enough ice time. Gliding Stars are expanding. Ohio High School Sectional tournament.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported that they are addressing concerns about the lights at Rawson Field. Preparing the fields for a tournament at Rawson and Cooper fields. Will be repairing the fence at Swale Park. The swimming pool is closed for the season. The YMCA operated the pool at an approximate \$17,000 deficit. The City of Findlay agreed to subsidize up to \$30,000 deficit.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt stated that the Hancock Park District fall program guide can be accessed through [www.hancockparks.com](http://www.hancockparks.com). Fall programs include tractor drawn hayrides. A hunting lottery will allow 50 permits for Litzenberg Memorial Woods. Met with the Findlay Country Club representative. Their executive committee gave verbal authorization for a temporary easement across field for trail. Paved the 70 parking space parking lot at Aeraland Recreation Area. Will be moving forward with additional projects in the area soon.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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