

# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

City of Findlay  
September 21, 2015

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## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Bob Nichols, Shane Pochard, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, Brian Thomas.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the August 17, 2015, meeting, by Director Schmelzer, second by Meyers. Motion passed 9-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Donation of Playground Equipment at Mound Park: Director Schmelzer stated that he corresponded with representative from St. Mark's Church regarding talking with neighbors of Mound Park to gauge their interest in having playground equipment added to Mound Park. St. Mark's Church will come back to the Board next month with a report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Introduction of Brendon Schwiebert: Director Schmelzer introduced Brendon Schwiebert as the new Assistant Recreation Supervisor. His background includes a bachelor of science degree in sports management and a graduate degree in recreation administration.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that the ice is down and being used. A hockey team from Canada is looking to purchase ice time. They will be playing teams from the US. Working with a youth baseball team from Chicago looking to have four tournaments over four weekends at the Marathon Diamonds on weekends that currently are not being used. They will have overnight stays from Friday through Sunday each weekend. The first public skate of the season is this weekend. Fall ball is underway. The UF baseball OH and game this Saturday as a fundraiser.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are working on Swale ballfields putting up fence. Working with Hancock Park District and Ball Metal for a project to paint the inside of the Bandshell in Riverside Park and repair the windows. The current LED light project at Riverside Park is complete. Additional LED light projects will be needed in the future to complete the repair on the remainder of the lights. There has been a person riding a four-wheeler in the swale at Swale Park causing damage. Schmelzer stated that the City has been looking as security options for mobile digital cameras that are motion activated. The cameras cost \$7000 each. Decoys can also be purchased as a deterrent. Looking to potentially purchase a few of the cameras and move them around to different parks and other facilities that have experienced vandalism.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that Hancock Park District is planning upgrades to river access points along East Main Cross Street, upgrading the current wood approaches to concrete and replacing picnic tables, benches, trash receptacle and adding recycling bins; will be striping the parking lot at Riverfalls and making it ADA Accessible. This project should start in October.

Capital Improvement Budget: Schmelzer stated that project dollars will be included in the Capital Improvement budget for the Hancock Park District Trails Plan. We will be able to leverage additional state monies if we have matching dollars.

Miracle Field: Schmelzer stated that the fundraising currently underway for Miracle Field and have \$500,000 in commitments. The plans are down and have been sent out for bid.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for October 19, 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