

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
January 19, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, Brian Thomas, Dave Trisel, Jeff Wobser.

Staff Present: Grant Russel, Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the October 19, 2015, and December 21, 2015, meeting, by Meyers, second by McPheron. Motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Summit: Mansfield reported that the Recreation Summit will be held on February 22 beginning at 4pm at the Cube. Attendance to the Summit is by invitation only. Invites are going out to existing recreation partners, a select few representatives from community organizations, and Parks and Recreation Board members. Agenda items for the summit include introductions, a survey of needs and wants of each organization, policy review, permitting procedures review, and explanation of new parks and recreation structure.

McPheron suggested getting a history of stats of groups with the past 4 years of data plus current/expected numbers. Meyers suggested sending the survey out with the invitation. May be able to get better information that way and can process the feedback prior to the summit.

Schmelzer stated that the City will follow up with attendees of summit with summary of results from summit.

Mansfield stated that an inventory of the parks and their offerings is being updated and placed on a map to be distributed at the summit as well as include on the website along with potentially creating an app. Schmelzer stated that when the invite goes out for the summit, include the request to complete the survey and for data regarding the history of stats of their organization for current year and past 4 years. The summit is not meant to be a public meeting. This summit is designed to get information from current recreation partners. In the future a public meeting may be held to gauge the interest of residents.

Hunting at Reservoir: Schmelzer stated that after repeated attempts to get in touch with his contact at Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), he learned that individual is no longer with ODNR. Schmelzer will contact the new representative and invite that individual to attend the March meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to further discuss hunting at the reservoir.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that this past weekend there were 350 people at the Open Skate both evenings. A police officer is now on site during Open Skates; working to increase the number of hours of the Adult Skate-City employee can skate for free during the Adult Skate.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated the fields at Swale Park were coming along nicely until the weather turned; updating parks inventory; Green Waste Site was open the first two weeks of

January to accept Christmas Trees, will reopen for the season in April; Parks Maintenance employees assisted with clearing sidewalks that City is responsible for during the snow event.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported the Blanchard River Nature Preserve on County Road 17 south of Mt. Blanchard will open this spring. Will be writing a grant for funding to extend the Blanchard River Greenway Trail from behind Riverside Suites to the Hancock Park District offices.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for March 21, 2016, 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