

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
August 15, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Brian Thomas, Dave Trisel, Jeff Wobser.

Staff Present: Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, Tracy Koehler, and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Bob Schuck, Pirates Cove.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 20, 2016, meeting, by McPheron, second by Slough. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Schedule: Mansfield distributed a proposed Fee Schedule beginning September 2016 for the Recreation Department. Changes made to the Fee Schedule are as follows: increase skate rental from \$2.00 to \$3.00; increase Mom & Tot open skate from \$3.00 to \$5.00; increase Learn to Skate from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Mansfield reported that she researched skate rental prices in other communities. Findlay is charging well under the rates of other communities. The rate we currently have in place has been the same for a long time. Findlay has made some investments in new skates and increasing the quality of routine maintenance on skates. Make admission rate for Mom & Tot same as open skate admission rate. Learn To Skate became members of ISI (value added membership) and will give badges for level of skating ability. Findlay charges much less than other communities for Learn To Skate. Learn To Skate participation is increasing. Over 50 kids signed up for Spring 2016 session. Don't believe that the increase will prevent anyone from participating. We are looking into possibly giving a family discount for those with 2 or more family members participating. Mansfield stated that the other fees in the Fee Schedule are right in line with other communities.

Motion to approve proposed Fee Schedule, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Wobser. Motion passed 8-0.

Pirates Cove Liquidation: Bob Schuck stated that he has sold the building that housed Pirates Cove and is liquidating all the assets of Pirates Cove. He is offering to sell at a discounted rate the laser tag equipment, paneling painted with murals, inflatable bounce toys, etc. to the City's Recreation Department. Currently the City does not have a space for a laser tag activity. The City would have to build space. At this time cannot justify building space. Russel stated that it is not worth pursuing. Schmelzer stated that he will email Mr. Schuck stating that based on the current square footage available, the City does not have a need or use for the items he has for sale.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported the Miracle Field grand opening will be on August 20; working on ice skate inventory; doing maintenance in the arena; first week of September ice will be put down; Fall Freeze Activities include Skate with the Mayor; finished up summer ball; Fall leagues will be starting up. Mansfield stated that we received a grant to purchase Lacrosse soft sticks, balls, and demonstration video on how to teach the game. The batting cages are up, carpet is installed and netting is installed on several cages. Looking into creating an Instagram and Twitter account for the Recreation Department.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are finishing up some projects in the parks; installing playground at Swale Park; Miracle Field work; pool closed on August 14; doing some work to the tennis court at Riverside Park, Rawson Park, and Chamberlin Hill School. Submitted the grant paperwork for Hancock Park District Foundation. Will be doing some shelter roof work with the funds. Green Waste has been successful. Still have 14-15 lights to install at Riverside Park. Working on sketch for additional parking at Swale Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

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