

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
December 19, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the October 17, 2016, meeting, by McPheron, second by Meyers.

Motion passed 8-0. (Grant Russell and Jeff Wobser were not at the meeting for the approval of the minutes.)

OLD BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations: Several changes were suggested by the Board:

Page 9 and 10: merge Game Areas and Game Equipment

Regarding Game Areas, it states that the Parks and Recreation Board establishes the game areas, it was questioned if this should be recommended. Motion to change language to read that the Board recommends, not establishes, game areas, by Wobser, second by Pruitt. Motion passed 10-0.

Page 10: Engine Powered Devices (models): Add drone after airplanes.

Page 10: Rollerblades and Skateboards: remove “and on walking and bicycle trails as posted.”

Consider allowing open water swim for events, paddle boarding, etc. Explore other recreational opportunities within liability and EPA requirements.

Page 13: Add Men’s League and Silver Blades to The CUBE.

Fee Schedule: Changes made to the Fee Schedule from 2015-2016 were 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. Made 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 Fee Schedule for the Recreation Department for 2017, by Cordonnier, second by Meyers.

Motion passed 10-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Schmelzer stated that City Council approved the budgets in concept for Parks Maintenance and Recreation.

Capital Plan: Schmelzer stated that we are working through a conceptual plan and will present to Council in January relative to parks and recreation.

Potential Cube Expansion: Schmelzer stated that he went through old notes from 2003 when expansion of the old Hancock Recreation Center was considered. A request for qualifications will be sent out early 2017 for consultants to assist the City in determining if expansion of the Cube is feasible, i.e. second sheet of ice, multipurpose space, etc.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that ice related activities are in full swing. A lacrosse clinic will be held. Silver Blades, Findlay Area Hockey Association and Findlay Men's League are all actively using the CUBE. Winter Learn To Skate will start next week. We are holding extra Public Skates during the day and evening over Christmas break. The arcade conversion is complete, and the storage space is all filled in.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that parks staff is helping with snow and ice removal.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported the boat launch parking lots are finished. Winter sports are scheduled from December through March. HPD will be holding a photo contest from March 2017 through February 2018. Email submissions only will be accepted, up to five entries. Will have monthly winners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for January 17, 2017, 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