

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
May 15, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Acting Chair, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Gary Pruitt, Mike Slough, Jeff Wobser.

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

Guests: Nancy Heebsh and Bob Buetler, USA Pickleball Association; Nate Riker, Black Swamp Bucks Unlimited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 17, 2017, meeting were not approved for lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Scope of Work-Facility Expansion: Thomas stated that JRV Sports LLC provided a proposal to conduct a study for necessity of a second sheet of ice at the Cube. The proposal is for \$22,000, not to exceed \$2000 for travel and ancillary expenses. There is \$25,000 budgeted for this study. The study will be for feasibility and design. Should add estimated deadline for completion.

Request to Waive Fees Follow Up Report-Black Swamp Bucks Unlimited: Nate Riker gave an update on Black Swamp Bucks Unlimited event at the Cube. He stated that gross receipts were \$167,700. He called it a huge success. They netted \$53,458 which was double from last year under the Whitetails Unlimited organization. He stated they had a high percentage of out of town guests. He thanked the Board for waiving a portion of the fees for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickleball: Nancy Heebsh is an Ambassador with USA Pickleball Association. Heebsh is involved in Pickleball at 50 North and Findlay YMCA. She stated the interest in Pickleball has increased over the years. Families enjoy playing Pickleball together. 50 North does not allow anyone under the age of 50 to use their courts as they are for the use of their members only. It would be nice if there were more public Pickleball courts available. The City has Pickleball courts at Riverside Park and Rawson Park on the tennis courts. The City is getting ready to repave the tennis courts at Riverside Park. Heebsh is proposing to convert these tennis courts into all Pickleball courts. If these courts are converted to just Pickleball courts, we may be able to host tournaments. Wobser requested to have Heebsh research the requirements for hosting tournaments. Research cost of dedicated poles and nets. If the tennis courts at Riverside Park are used exclusively for Pickleball courts, then the only tennis courts remaining will be those at Rawson Park. Many made the comment that the tennis courts are rarely used.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that Lacrosse is going very well. They held a bring a friend night. The program continues to grow. Thankful for volunteers assisting with running drills. Adult Softball is underway. They had one rain out so far. Learn to Skate numbers are good. Added a drills and skills program and a freestyle skate time. Keep Active events were held at West Park and Firestone Park with approximately 25 participants each location. The next event is at Riverside Park at the Shuffleboard courts on May 25. The Recreation Department will be providing an activity at the Summer Lunch programs on Thursdays throughout the summer.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that the Swale Park playground is complete. Getting the pool ready to open over Memorial Day weekend. Bernard Park playground project is continuing. Doing an electrical project at the football field. Will be paving the tennis courts at Riverside Park. Frisbee Golf had approached the City with a couple locations for additional Frisbee Golf courses. Looking at a proposal to laser level the ballfields at Rawson Park and Cooper Field.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the boat rentals will open Memorial Day weekend. Hours will be 1pm-7pm on weekends and holidays. It will be open through Labor Day. We have new life jackets. A donation of kayaks was made.

OTHER BUSINESS

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