

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
June 19, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Chair, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Shane Pochard, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Dave Trisel,

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

Guests: Dick Schrock and Bob Beutler, Pickleball; Andy Smyth, The University of Findlay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the April 17, 2017, and May 15, 2017, meeting, by McPheron, second by Trisel.
Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Pickleball Courts: Dick Schrock stated that to bring in a Pickleball Tournament there needs to be at least 8 courts in the same location. The tennis courts at Riverside Park can be converted into 8 courts. McPheron stated that he talked with the tennis coach and they have a tennis camp in conjunction with the YMCA at the Riverside Park courts for a week during the summer. They request that the tennis courts not be removed. It is suggested that we not eliminate the tennis courts until we know the impact to the groups/individuals who use them.

Russel inquired as to how we monitor the tennis courts. We know the interest is there for Pickleball. Hard to decide if we don't know the usage of the tennis courts. Most members of the board have not seen any use of the tennis courts. Wobser is in favor of total conversion of the tennis courts to Pickleball courts. Stoffel stated that the courts are scheduled to be paved and painted this year.

Motion to approve converting the tennis courts at Riverside Park to Pickleball courts with the assurance from the local Pickleball Association that at least 2-4 clinics and tournaments will be held on these courts, by Meyers, second by Slough.

Russel asked if we had a tennis group attend the Recreation Summit.

Motion to table request, by Russel, second by Pochard. Motion passed 5-3. Trisel, Meyers, and Slough gave the dissenting votes.

Scope of Work-Facility Expansion: Thomas stated that the City has a proposal from JRV Sports to provide a feasibility study for facility expansion of the Cube. It is suggested that we add a project schedule with estimated timeframe of completion and the contractor needs to seek prior written approval from the City before changes of additional work can be added or charged. This company is very experienced in these types of feasibility studies, they know the history of Findlay and the Cube facility, and they have an understanding of this area of the state. The money for the study has already been approved in the Capital budget. The quote came under the budgeted amount. Motion to approve Scope of Work for facility expansion feasibility study from JRV Sports, by Meyers, second by Slough. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Schedule amendment-camp fee: Mansfield stated that she is requesting that the Fee Schedule be amended to add a fee for sport camps held on City outdoor facilities. Mansfield is requesting a flat fee of \$250.00 to hold a sport camp on City outdoor facilities. Historically, the City has charged a flat fee of \$250.00, however, it was never documented in a Fee Schedule.

Motion to add category of sports camp with a fee of \$250 for use of City outdoor facilities, and offer the same to The University of Findlay for their 2017 soccer camps, by Russel, second by Pochard. Motion passed 8-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the ice will down until mid July. Skate camps are done, other ice activities going well. We have been getting some business from users of the facility in Bowling Green since it is closed temporarily. We will be hosting a softball tournament with approximately 60 teams signed up. The National Tournament will be held the end of July with 40 teams. Hosting a baseball tournament with over 40 teams signed up. Keep Active events are going well. Pickleball, Ulitmate Frisbee, and Shuffleboard are coming up. Doing some landscaping upgrades.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are finishing up the Bernard Park playground. Finishing up stoned parking lot at Swale Park. The pool has been busy. Shelter rental at Riverside Park is good. Will be meeting with the Hancock Park District Board regarding next year's grant. The City has been able to replace 15 shelter roofs and refurbish the Bandshell with the monies received from the Hancock Park District grants since 2014.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that he met with Steve Wilson regarding the flood mitigation project as it pertains to the Karg Well area. Wilson stated that they are going to rebuild the concrete wall on the park side. Park improvements will be postponed until after this project is complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for July 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