

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
August 21, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Chair, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Shane Pochard, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Jeff Wobser. Matt Cordonnier and Dave Trisel came in after vote on minutes and Pickleball Courts.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 19, 2017, and July 24, 2017, meeting, by Wobser, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Pickleball Courts: Pochard stated that he spoke with the tennis coach at Findlay High School who stated that they do not use the tennis courts at Riverside Park. There is not enough use of the tennis courts at Riverside Park to substantiate keeping them as tennis courts. Stoffel stated that the Street Department has supplies to paint the tennis courts as Pickleball Courts. Contractor will be paving the courts in September 2017.

Motion to convert the tennis courts at Riverside Park to Pickleball Courts exclusively, by Russel, second by Wobser. Motion passed 8-0.

Russel stated we should work with Dick Schrock to host a grand opening of the Pickleball Courts when completed. Mansfield will coordinate.

Facility Expansion Study: Director Thomas reported that the facilitator is currently working on another study. When he has completed that study, he will start our study. He will schedule a time to meet with the members of the Parks and Recreation Board.

NEW BUSINESS

ODOT TAP Application: Director Thomas reported that last week, the City was notified that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be funding part of the multiuse trail from the existing trail to Riverbend Park. The funding will allow the construction of the trail to Bright Road. ODOT is funding 95% of the project up to \$400,000. ODOT requested additional information prior to approving funding for construction of the trail from Bright Road to Riverbend Park.

Ice Skating Bridge Program: Mansfield presented information on a proposed new program that would be implemented in September. The program would be a "bridge" from the existing Learn To Skate program to being ready to participate in a skating club. The Ice Skating Bridge Program would teach the participants the next level of skating education. Due to limited available ice time, we will start out the bridge program during the day, targeting the homeschooled youth. Participants would be required to join Learn To Skate USA through USFS for \$15.00. There are three different classes. The first two classes have six sessions. Each of these classes is \$60.00. The third class has eight session. This class is \$80.00. Mansfield stated that she has received inquiries into this program. Silver Blades does not offer this type of class, so the City would not be taking away from their programs. Having the program during the day does not take away any ice time that the user groups would normally use.

Motion to add the Ice Skating Bridge Program as presented to the Fee Schedule, by Pochard, second by Meyers. Motion passed 10-0. (Includes Cordonnier and Trisel who came late to the meeting.)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the National Tournament was held. They had fewer teams sign up this year than expected. The participants had positive comments for the Findlay community. Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau was on site during the tournament to offer assistance. Findlay has the potential to host three Eastern Nationals qualifiers on the same weekend. There are 40 teams in each age group.

The boards are up and glass is ready for the ice rink. Ice will go down on September 5 with a Public Skate on September 8. The ice schedule is set for this upcoming year starting in October. In September we are hosting a family stick and puck for fathers and sons/daughters. Through public skate mailings, we have 35 churches taking advantage of group skate pricing.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that the pool closed last week. We were able to clean up most of the graffiti today that occurred over the weekend. Working on repairing damage to Rawson Park caused by flooding bringing in new material and grass seed. Also adding new mulch to Emory Adams Park and Fort Findlay Playground from it being washed away during the flood.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the Riverside Park Waterfalls Pavilion picnic tables were turned up on end and had damage to the glass at the Boathouse, but no graffiti. Early in August the new website for Hancock Park District went live with online purchasing being a new feature. The roof of the Waterfalls Pavilion is being repaired with new shingles being installed, and will paint and reseal. A gazebo at Riverbend Park north of the Lodge will be complete this fall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for September 18, 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