

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
September 18, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests: Jack Vivian, JRV Sports LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the August 21, 2017, meeting, by Wobser, second by Meyers. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Cube Expansion Feasibility Study: Jack Vivian of JRV Sports, LLC gave an update on his findings so far. The Recreation Department has excellent management and programming. Moving forward, the City needs to identify what they want the Cube facility to be; what it's supposed to be. Things to improve: better humidity removing equipment; ice equipment needs updated; install drop ceiling to insulate against radiated heat off the roof. Recommend looking to community leaders for assessment of facility rather than general public. Need to do a thorough analysis of the building and equipment; and safety of equipment while using and storing.

An option is to add a small practice facility adjacent to the existing building on the south side, remodel locker rooms, and use existing rink as a performance facility.

Fee for Park Reservation: Mansfield stated that she has been receiving requests to reserve smaller parks for exclusive use of an organization, such as Bernard Park. Currently, the City does not have a fee listed for rental of these smaller parks. The only park listed on the Fee Schedule is Millstream Art Plaza. The fee to rent this park is \$100. Mansfield proposes that the City charge the same \$100 fee for the other smaller parks that people may want to reserve for exclusive use.

Motion to add \$100 rental fee to Fee Schedule for rental of exclusive use of the following parks: Anchor Park, Bernard Park, Eagle Creek Park, Ede Park, Firestone Park, Mound Park, and West Park, by Russel, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

Mansfield stated that she also recently received a request from a group to rent all of Riverside Park for an event. In the past, a portion of Riverside Park has been rented for \$500 for exclusive use of an organization for an event. The City has not rented the full park. The Board would like to discuss this further after more detail of the area requested is received. Will discuss at the October meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that ice went down September 5. FHS Hockey Captain's practices have been held. FAHA and Silver Blades have been actively using the ice. Football, baseball, and softball are continuing. Fall clinics are being held for Lacrosse.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated the Rawson Park ballfield has been seeded from the damage done from the last flood. Would like to discuss an additional Frisbee Golf Course at the October meeting. It is proposed to add another course in the Cross Avenue/East Main Cross Avenue green space areas where the City and County have bought properties that were substantially damaged in previous floods.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that tractor drawn hay rides have begun at Riverbend Park; archery program being held at Oakwoods Nature Preserve; guided horseback riding at Triple T Ranch. HPD has had several groups request boat rentals from Riverside Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for October 16, 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