

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
December 18, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests: Brent Finley, Findlay Family YMCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the November 20, 2017, meeting, by Thomas, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Swimming Pool Season Recap: Brent Finley, Findlay Family YMCA, provided a recap of the 2017 swimming pool season. Finley stated that over the last nine years of collaboration the operations of the pool has been up and down based on the weather. In 2017, there was an overall loss of \$34,000. He also stated that they had a safe and good summer. The challenge they had was finding enough lifeguards to work. Will have to consider increasing the wage of the lifeguard. Chemical costs have increased as well. We still incurred the chemical cost every day that the pool was closed. Discussion regarding long term use. Bath house will need some work. It is important to maintain the pool for the demographic it serves. Last two summers have maintained the same rate \$2 child and \$4 adult daily rate. There were no lost days this year due to mechanical failure. There is no major capital improvement planned for 2018.

Relocation of Bike Path: Thomas stated that we are relocating the route of the bike path due to the benching project. The path will make a complete circle around Swale Park. Any feedback should be directed to Brian Thomas. Public meetings will be held in January to get comments from the public.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the Santa Skate was very successful with 240 participants versus the 134 participants in 2016. During Christmas break there will be extra public skates. Over the Christmas break Findlay High School hockey will be involved in a 5 game tournament with Bowling Green. We will host a New Years Eve skate. We are cleaning and organizing the ice arena with new storage areas for the three user groups to make it look more uniform. Have had positive comments regarding this change. New players benches were installed in the hockey arena.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated trees were planted in the parks and cemetery. Operating budget is complete and now working on capital improvements budget. Green Waste Site is closed but will reopen for Christmas Tree dropoff.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that they are working on plan to replace and upgrade equipment at Centennial Park. There will be eight new fitness stations; it will be a full body workout; will also utilize the trail. This project will be completed next year. Looking for a potential partnership with YMCA for some structured fitness instruction.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for January 16, 2018, 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