

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
June 18, 2018

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: Jason, Carrie, and Jackson Plesack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the April 16, 2018, meeting, by Wobser, second by Meyers. Motion passed 7-0. (Cordonnier and Russel arrived after approval of minutes.)

OLD BUSINESS

Soccer Agreement: Thomas stated that the issue of fees for use of the soccer fields at Emory Adams Park has been worked out. Only issue left is how to handle outside rental of the soccer fields. How do we coordinate use of the nets and equipment?

NEW BUSINESS

Skate Park: Jason, Carrie, and Jackson Plesack inquired to the status of Eagle Creek Skate Park and if it will be upgraded in the near future. Stoffel stated that minor maintenance has been done to the Eagle Creek Skate Park. No major updates due to significant cost to replacement equipment. Have discussed concrete park location, not has not moved forward. The cost of the new concrete skate park in Bowling Green was about \$180,000 at the time it was built. Wobser asked the Plesacks to gather names of individuals who will use the skate park if it was upgraded. Meyers stated that it was used a lot when it was first built. Russel stated that we can possibly get assistance with funding through the Tony Hawk Foundation, but it would need to be in a visible location and easily accessible.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the Keep Active events are scheduled for July 12 at Flag City Sports Complex with Ultimate Frisbee; July 26 will be the Pickleball Court Grand Opening at Riverside Park; August 7 at West Park with an Obstacle Course & Wiffle Ball; and August 16 at Bernard Park with an obstacle Course. There are 25 kids signed up for Summer LaCrosse. Learn to Skate has 25 participants. Set up an obstacle course for the free lunch program. Ice will be up for another month. Hockey camps have been going on. Dealing with weather for ball tournaments. Miracle League All Star Tournaments will be held on September 17. There will be new surface on the field, two new play toys at the playground for 1-5 year olds, a new shelter, and new bleachers with safety railing.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that the Pickleball Courts should be done next week. Working with the local Pickleball club to make sure striping/lining is correct. Will be adding a drinking fountain by the Pickleball Courts through the Hancock Park District grant. Mowing, maintaining ballfields, and shelter house upkeep.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported skateboarding popularity is growing. It is scheduled to debut at the 2020 Olympics. There will be a surge in popularity after that. May want to consider. Is there a commitment to have a really nice skateboard facility? Do we need to be more high profile? Do we want to accommodate bikes, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades all at the same facility?

OTHER BUSINESS

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