

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
August 20, 2018

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 18, 2018, meeting, by Trisel, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Volleyball Court at West Park: Mayor Mihalik stated that while she was at a Keep Active event at West Park, a family made a request for a sand volleyball court to be installed at West Park. Stoffel stated that it would not cost very much to install, will use a different kind of sand so that it does not need tilled as often. Mayor Mihalik stated that this could be a way to bring the neighborhood children together and be active.

Cordonnier stated that the park looks nice and this would be a nice addition. Stoffel stated that they could prep it in the fall and install it in the spring. A sign could be created to install to state that a sand volleyball court will be installed. Mayor Mihalik stated that this area is investing in themselves, and we should invest in them. This would help make the quality of life a little better. Motion to approve installing a sand volleyball court in West Park at a location to be determined by the Parks Department, by Slough, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 7-0.

Driving on Sidewalks at Riverside Park: Pruitt brought to the City's attention that there have been several people driving on the sidewalk in Riverside Park with full size vehicles. Typically they are travelling from the parking lot to Shelter 15 that the person had rented for set up, etc. The park rangers have had several complaints of near misses. There are signs posted that state no driving on trails that are easy to miss. Should new, more visible signs be put up or maybe bollards to prevent people from being able to drive on the sidewalks? What is in the rental agreements, verbal and/or written? The sidewalks are not designed to have cars driven on them.

Motion to support that no vehicles are permitted in the park area at Riverside Park except for special authorization by permit and proceed with implementing a solution to enforce, by Russel, second by McPheron. Motion passed 7-0.

Miracle League All Star Tournament: Mansfield reported that the inaugural Miracle League All Star Games will be held on September 15, 2018, at the Miracle Field. There are 90 All Star players from 25 states and Canada. Three games will be played. In preparation for the Games, the Miracle League started helped to fund the addition of three toys at the playground, a shelter pavilion, doubled the bleacher seating capacity. The faulty playing surface was replaced with a brand new surface and the All Star logo was installed on the field.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported the scheduling software is in the process of being updated. This was a suggestion that came out of the Recreation Summit two years ago. Participants will be able to register for classes, pay for shelter reservations, see the ice/field schedules, public skate schedules will be listed. The ice is going back down, and Public Skate will be held on September 7. Ice schedule is set for Winter. Diamonds summer use is wrapped up. Will be performing field maintenance in the fall. Games will be shifted to Swale Park to free up the Diamonds. Youth Football's first game is on Sunday.

Thomas stated the bid for the Cube updates has gone out. This will include addressing the safety concerns with the HVAC and electrical.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that additional items will be installed at the Pickleball Court with a grant from AARP. These items include bleachers, benches, windscreens, signage, and bulletin board. There are two try it out dates scheduled to play Pickleball on August 22 and September 26. An Eagle Scout will be helping redo and upgrade the dugouts at Remington. The pool is closed for the season. A soccer agreement is signed with the YMCA. Finished up repairs at Emory Adams Park and Fort Findlay Playground.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that they have removed the concrete and are installing new equipment at Centennial Park. Asked for financial assistance from Blanchard Valley Health System. The YMCA has suggested doing some structured fitness classes at the park. Haven't received a firm commitment yet.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for September 17, 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