

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
October 15, 2018

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Guests:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the August 20, 2018, meeting as amended, by Cordonnier, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 8-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations: Mansfield presented the updated Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations to the Board. It is in a new format. The rules and regulations are rarely printed and this format is better for online posting. Change pets-have to allow service animals, but not emotional support animals. Review both sections regarding pets and determine if we can combine. Mansfield stated that would like to restrict overnight RV Camper parking to Flag City Sports Complex only. Have had camper parking in Swale for ball tournaments and Emory Adams for BalloonFest. Meyers can we just have a blanket prohibition unless prior approval of Recreation Department. Mansfield stated the per day fee would be \$25.00 rather than per event, and not available without a permit. Discussion ensued. Post signage at entrances of parks stating camping in designated area with permit only. Check with area campgrounds for pricing comparison. Will approve the camping fee at a separate time. Shelter Reservation, add that online reservation available. Not permitted to use drones in parks. Discussion regarding allowing or not allowing. Pruitt stated that the HPD issues special permits for drones with details of Dos and Don'ts allowed by law – same with remote control boats, cars, etc. Mansfield stated cannot fly over people, unit loses power and falls and hits folks; Airport restricts it quite a bit – no fly space; not permitted to fly over people. Discussion ensued regarding motorized vehicles. Not permitted in any area of the parks. State “not exclusively limited to” vehicles that are listed.

Motion to approve with changes added, by Councilman Russel, seconded by Councilman Wobser. Motion passed 8-0.

Fee Schedule: Mansfield distributed an updated Fee Schedule. She contacted area ice rinks for comparison of rates. There is only one other rink with the three-tier rates. Other rinks have ice partner rate and non ice renter rates. We have Ice Partner, Ice User, and Ice Renter rates. Currently do not have anyone renting at a User rate. Would like to remove this tier rate. Increase rates over time to get to a single tier rate structure. These rates will go into effect for 2019-2020 season. All ice contracts have been signed for 2018-2019. Increase fee for Birthday Party to \$175. Ballfield rental fees increased slightly. Meyers stated that we should look into raising fees for The University of Findlay use of ballfields. Wobser inquired if it would make sense to not have WineFest listed out separately since they are paying the rental fee for the shelters and areas they are using? Mansfield stated that the fee for BalloonFest is suggested to be raised to \$1000. This amount still does not cover the cost of all City services used for this event. Russel stated that the City as a whole gets a lot of benefit from this event. Brings in a lot of people and a lot of promotion for Findlay. The City should support certain events due to benefit of event on community. Trisel stated that if the City is going in the hole with this event, then we are a sponsor of the event. If we are not going to raise the rates then he would suggest barter an opportunity for sponsorship of the event, such as sponsorship of a balloon. Pruitt concern does not know what is in the numbers. If we had a policy for philosophy of fees, we would be better able to approve an increase in fees. Need breakdown of what fees are included. Increase in fees, especially if significant, better be able to explain. Koehler stated that other cities charge resident and nonresident rates. Something to consider for future.

Motion to approve Fee Schedule, by Councilman Wobser, second by Meyers.

Discussion ensued regarding the fee set for The University of Findlay and BalloonFest. Trisel asked why we list a per event rate. Should remove Winefest and BalloonFest from the Fee Schedule and have a separate contract.

Motion to amend Councilman Wobser's motion to approve Fee Schedule with the following changes:

Enter into contract negotiations with The University of Findlay; BalloonFest \$750.00 and do not publish rate on any fee schedule and enter into a contract with them; eliminate WineFest fee and remove from fee schedule- WineFest to pay scheduled shelter fee for what shelters they use; by Councilman Russel, second by Councilman Wobser. Motion passed 8-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that DuraEdge is regrading the ballfields at the Diamonds and the returning the stone area to dirt. The inaugural Miracle All Star Tournament went wonderful. There were no issues. There will be no more games at the Diamonds so will be winterizing the fields. Ice is full strength.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that everything is ordered for the grant for the Pickleball Courts. The pool is painted and closed. Trees will be planted in the parks. Will be attending a meeting with Hancock Park District for the grant. Thank you to Gary Pruitt and the HPD Board for their efforts. A semi-pro football league approached the City for use area at the Cube for practice.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that HPD gave out \$96,000 in park improvement grants to City of Findlay, City of Fostoria, and 10 area villages covering wide range of outdoor recreation and capital improvements. Do it every year. Starts in June sending out applications and guidelines; applications come in in September, representatives from each entity meet in October to present their projects, agree how to disburse the funds, HPD board votes on the awards in November, and disburse checks in December. Every two years Pruitt and the HPD board tour the parks, meet with the representatives of the entity see first hand, what the money paid for. Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment at Centennial Park started last week. Should have done this week or next.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for November 19, 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