

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
April 15, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the October 15, 2018, and February 19, 2019, meeting, by Meyers, second by Wobser. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park/Dog Park: Discussion regarding moving the Skate Park to Anchor Park and adding a dog park. This will create more visibility due to the amount of traffic that travels East Main Cross Street. Need to contact users of the skate park to get their feedback on location and types of equipment they would like to see. Put up a sign at the Skate Park; do a news story on the City's website; post info on Recreation's Facebook page Russel asked the safety of the current equipment at the park. If it is unsafe, we need to close the park or repair the unsafe pieces. Discussion about what the long term plan is for Eagle Creek Park if the skate park is moved. Would be ideal to have comprehensive park plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Waiver Request: This request will be considered at the next board meeting on May 20, 2019.

Board Vacancies: There are some vacancies on the Board that need filled. A suggestion was made to have a student serve on the board. Board members were not in favor of that idea.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported the ice came off on March 24, and there was a wedding, Black Swamp event, circus, and mixed martial arts event held. Ice will go back on April 14 with public skate starting on April 19. There are two one day tournaments scheduled at the Diamonds. Every weekend is booked through July at Swale and Rawson. Pitch Hit and Run event is Tuesday; Learn to Skate is Monday; LaCrosse is next Wednesday for Grades 1-8. The Circus was past its capacity for attendance. They are very interested in coming back next year. There is interest for a mixed martial arts in August. The Home Show is back at the Cube. Nissin is having their company picnic at the Diamonds and Cube.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that the restrooms are opened in the parks; starting to rent shelters. Working on ballfields and the pool. Green Waste Site has reopened in a temporary spot. There is interest in putting a portable book library in Riverside Park.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the Blanchard River has been designated a state water trail. Moving forward with a 17x20 map/guide for the Blanchard River, will make 25,000 copies for distribution. The new Shelter 2 at Riverbend Park will have final walk through tomorrow. Blanchard Landing parking lot reconstruction on State Route 235 begins this week.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for May 20, 2019, 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