

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
June 17, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the April 15, 2019, and May 20, 2019, meeting, by Councilman Wobser, second by Councilman Russel. Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park Update: Director Thomas stated the survey is on the website requesting input from those using the skate park. We have received 37 comments so far through the website. It was also posted on Facebook. We received 40 comments from Facebook. There were 18 people interested in participating in focus groups.

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Waiver Request Policy: McPheron stated that Findlay City Schools waives the facility rental fee, but charges for staff if not already scheduled at the facility, concession, and any extra costs. Meyers questioned if we should even have a policy/should we even waive fees. McPheron stated it is the position of the schools that the buildings were built with public tax money, but still have to cover costs.

The preliminary Criteria for Fee Waiver was distributed. Discussion ensued regarding requiring the organization to be a 501(c)(3), a Findlay-based organization, event must be open to the public, one day event, must be a new event-first year waiver only, waiver of 50% or a maximum of \$500. Set Policy and have Recreation Department administer. Do not need to have the requests come to Park and Recreation Board if the policy is clear cut. Is there a revenue issue to consider?

Move to table discussion, by Councilman Wobser, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that Summer Lacrosse; Fall Lacrosse dates to be set; working with Findlay City Schools to help run their LaCrosse camp; Summer Learn to Skate has 13 participants; Evening Learn to Skate has 32 participants; next Keep Active Keep Healthy program is Pickleball; only lost two tournament days due to rainout; assisting an independently run adult flag football program.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are busy keeping up with mowing.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that Shelter 2 reconstruction in Riverbend Recreation Area is complete. This project was completed with private donations. The shelter will be named the Mariann Dana Younger Memorial Pavilion. A ribbon cutting will be at some point this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

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