

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
August 19, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests: Todd Eilerman, Pacesetter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the June 17, 2019, meeting, by Meyers, second by McPheron. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to accept minutes of the July 15, 2019, meeting, by McPheron, second by Meyers. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park Update: Director Thomas stated that Board members should have received an email invite to a meeting with interested parties to discuss skate park options. The meeting will be held on September 5, 2019, at 6pm in Council Chambers. An agenda will be created to guide the discussion.

Waiver Request Policy: Meyers stated that he doesn't think we should waive fees. The City's fees are reasonable and we should stick with them.

Motion that the City of Findlay Recreation Department have a standard fee schedule and not allow any waivers of those fees, effective immediately, by Councilman Wobser, second by Earl. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Addition of Ballfield at West Park: Mayor Muryn inquired about adding a ballfield at West Park. Years ago had a ballfield at West Park, but removed due to some issues. Residents in the area would like to see a ballfield put back. The neighborhood stated that a ballfield would be utilized more than a soccer field. Talked about a higher fence so balls don't go into the rest of the park and neighborhood. Meant for kids neighborhood play. Mansfield stated that we can make it that it is not reservable. Have Parks Maintenance team take a look at space and see if feasible. Build it specific to smaller children. Mansfield stated that the best turnout for Keep Active-Keep Healthy programs are at West Park and Bernard Park. Councilman Wobser thinks that this is a good idea. Stoffel will get quotes. Mayor should we evaluate.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield introduced new Recreation Activities Coordinator Stephanie Loomis. Mansfield reported that they will be doing maintenance on the dasher boards; ice is coming off; additional foul netting will be installed, extend backstops; dry floor event this weekend; will put boards up before MMA fight; then ice will be put down; first public skate will be September 6 and Learn To Skate will begin September 7; UF baseball and softball fall practice and games have begun.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated they are doing a lot of mowing; two Eagle Scout projects will be done in September and October, Remington ballfield dugouts and renovating the shelter at Ede Park; pool is winding down-August 25 will be the last day; pump went out, but was changed out in just a few hours and was able to reopen the pool that day. Mayor Muryn stated that she has talked with the YMCA to see about keeping the pool open through Labor Day. Doggie Paddle is scheduled for September 7.

OTHER REPORTS

Pacesetter South Report: Todd Eilerman of Pacesetter South requested that the premier soccer fields at Emory Adams Park be aeriated, fertilized, and clover knocked down. Stoffel stated that the agreement is that the soccer organization purchases the material and the City applies it. Concerns were expressed about the mowing and upkeep of the premier soccer fields. Stoffel stated that per the agreement, the YMCA mows the premier soccer fields and the City mows the rest of the park. If Pacesetter soccer organization falls under the YMCA's agreement with the City, if there is an issue with the upkeep of the premier fields, Pacesetter will need to contact the YMCA to express concerns. Concerns were also expressed about other entities being permitted to use Emory Adams Park for activities other than soccer that put wear and tear on the fields. It was explained that Emory Adams Park is a public park and not exclusively used for soccer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for September 16, 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