

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
December 16, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the October 21, 2019, meeting, by Meyers, second by Cordonnier. Motion passed 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Skate Park Update: Director Thomas reported that he budgeted \$30,000 in the Engineering Department budget to do a comprehensive plan for parks and recreation. In January, we will start to look at proposals. Councilman Russel inquired how the comprehensive plan will mesh with the strategic plan that City Council is currently working through. It was suggested that the companies being considered be brought in for an interview with those members of the board that are interested in participating.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentations by Donnell Middle School Students: The City was approached by Findlay City Schools to listen to proposals created by students from Donnell Middle School. They have been working on a project to develop a water park in flood prone areas. The top teams will present to the Parks and Recreation Board at its next meeting on January 21, 2010.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that ice season is moving along; looking at numbers comparing September to current-we are up 1300 skaters in attendance at public skates from 2018; Skate with Santa was on December 7 and was well attended; will have extra public skates during the Christmas break; Holiday Tournament is being jointly hosted by The Cube and Bowling Green-there are 10 teams signed up. One of the things the Recreation Department is looking at is developing a walking program next year. The City received a grant through the National Parks and Recreation Association that will teach us how to properly instruct a walking program. The grant is training hours for two staff members, not dollars. List of activities will be expanded for next year, some new events and expanding on existing programs such as Keep Active.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are finished with park cleanup, doing some work on the corners of the Bandshell; a complete restoration of the Bandshell is scheduled for 2021 through possible grants that are available; will be repaving the parking lot at Emory Adams Park and incorporate drainage into the parking lot.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the Park District will be 50 years old in 2020. A birthday party will be held on October 19, 2020. Leading up to the birthday party, the Park District will have birthday hikes will be held once a month in a different Hancock County park, January 4, 2020, at 10am is the first hike in Civitan Park. The current schedule is in the program event guide is on the Hancock Park District's website. The Charles J. Younger Pavilion will be completed Summer 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for January 21, 2020, at 4:00pm in Council Chambers, 1st floor of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk