

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
March 19, 2007

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mike Sobczyk, Chair, Tim Brugeman, Ed Hartman, Bil Homka, Brian Hurt Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Bob Nichols, Jeff Shrader, Mike Slough.

Staff Present: Lu Draper, Jim Rhodes, Kathy Launder, and Josh DiBenedetto.

Guests Present: Steve Heintzelman, Findlay Sports Complex; Mike Lewis, Findlay Rotary; Kathi Amstutz, Hancock Leadership; Roger Powell; Ted Jastel, Hancock Soccer Association; Todd Wilson, FAST; George Weatherman, FAST; Oprah Cleve, Hancock Soccer Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the February 20, 2007, meeting, by Meyers, second by Nichols. Motion passed 10-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Draper reported that softball and dodgeball signups are underway; dance lessons have started and have two classes scheduled; started taking boards down at the CUBE in preparation for Silver Blades show this weekend; Leisure Living Home Show is March 30-April 1.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: No report given.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: No report given.

ORGANIZATIONS Report: No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Five-Plex "Rotary Field of Dreams": Hurt reported that sidewalks are being poured; waiting for weather to break to continue; the parking lot will be redone after the Leisure Living Home Show.

NEW BUSINESS

All Star Playground: Kathi Amstutz of Hancock Leadership updated the Board on the All Star Playground at the CUBE. Hancock Leadership is in the process of securing donations to fund the purchase of the playground equipment. So far, they have raised \$45,000 of the \$75,000 goal. If they are able to raise all the funds by March 30, they can start building around June 14; otherwise they need to meet their goal by May 30 to have a build date Labor Day weekend. Hancock Leadership is working with the City's Engineering Department for exact location and other logistical details.

Rotary Arena: Mike Lewis, Findlay Rotary Club, presented Rotary's proposal for creation of two premier soccer fields at Emory Adams Park just north of the parking lot on the south end of the park. As part of the project, two baseball fields will be removed and relocated. Would like to start the project with earth moving and grass seeding after the season is over Fall of 2007 so that it can be played on Fall of 2008. Lewis has talked with the City Engineering Department regarding some challenges in the area and has solutions for those challenges. June 15 kicks off a fundraiser to raise the \$100,000 goal. Hancock Soccer Association, Findlay Rotary, and private businesses have also committed funds. Maintenance of the fields will be the responsibility of the City of Findlay. Hoping to recruit tournaments with Rotary's name on it, and one third of the proceeds will go to the City to offset maintenance costs. Between the two fields will be a building that will include a concession area, storage, area reserved for electrical needs, and water pump. Stands will be on either side of the building overlooking the fields.

These fields will be used for games only, no practices. Motion to recommend that the City of Findlay support the Rotary Arena project, by Nichols, second by Shrader. Motion passed 10-0.

Sand Sculpture at Riverside Park: Sobczyk stated that Roger Powell will be creating a sand sculpture again this year two weeks prior to Easter at the volleyball courts at Riverside Park. Powell stated that the sand will be delivered on March 30 and he will begin work. Powell reported that a Sunrise Service will be held at the site Easter morning at 6:30am. Powell will be holding a free will donation at the site to help offset his costs, but will not be selling anything. Motion to waive park rental fee for Roger Powell and thank him for volunteering his time and talent, by Brugeman, second by Meyers. Motion approved 10-0.

Swimming Pool Rates and Hours of Operation: Draper presented a proposal for Swimming Pool Rates for 2007: \$4.00 per day from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Discussion ensued regarding closing at 7:00pm is too early. Draper stated that there is not much activity after 7:00pm. FAST would use the pool from 7:00pm-8:30pm for the younger age group. FAST stated that it is difficult for parents of the younger age group to get the kids to practices in the morning.

Motion to set Swimming Pool rates at \$4.00 for general admission all day; free admission for Ages 3 years and under, Senior Citizens-Golden Buckeye Card, and City employees and their immediate family, by Shrader, second by Hartman. Motion to amend previous motion to set swimming pool rates at \$4.00 for general admission all day; \$2.00 for Senior Citizens-Golden Buckeye Card; and free admission for Ages 3 years and under and City Employees and their immediate family, by Shrader, second by Meyers. Motion passed 10-0.

Discussion ensued regarding setting the Swimming Pool hours at 11:00am-7:00pm. Motion to set the Swimming Pool hours at 11:00am-7:00pm, by Brugeman, second by Hartman. Roll Call vote: Brugeman: nay; Hartman: aye; McPheron: nay; Meyers: nay; Nichols: aye; Hurt: nay; Shrader: nay; Slough: nay; Sobczyk: nay; Homka: abstain. Motion failed 2-9-1.

Motion to set the Swimming Pool hours at 12:00 noon-8:00pm, by Slough, second by Brugeman. Roll Call vote: Slough: aye; Brugeman: aye; Hartman: nay; McPheron: aye; Meyers: aye; Nichols: nay; Hurt: aye; Shrader: aye; Sobczyk: aye; Homka: abstain. Motion passed 9-2-1.

Summer Day Camp: Draper reported that many changes have been made to enhance the Summer Day Camp program. Day Camp will run June 11 through August 10, 2007, with the week of July 4 off; hours will be 10:00am-4:00pm; Day Camp will be 8 weeks long with only one session; every week will have a separate theme; Friday a special program or field trip will be given; participants that need an activity after 4:00pm will be offered a season pool membership at a reduced cost of \$25.00 that can be used any time; cost of the day camp will be \$75.00 per participant. Motion to accept Summer Day Camp proposal, by Nichols, second by Meyers. Motion passed 10-0.

Committee Assignment Discussion: Sobczyk stated that he would like to restore the Committees (Capital Improvements, Parks Maintenance, Ice and Recreation). He requested that the Board consider which Committee they would like to serve on.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is April 16, 2007, at 4:00 PM in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Shrader, second by Slough. Motion carried 10-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Sobczyk
Chair