

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

April 16, 2007

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Guests Present: Tim Federici, Findlay Youth Baseball; Ted Jastel, Hancock Soccer Association; Jeff Wobser, FAST.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the March 19, 2007, meeting, by Meyers, second by Slough. Motion passed 8-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Five-Plex "Rotary Field of Dreams": Hurt reported that a preconstruction meeting was held for Phase II of the project. The contractor is ready to begin as soon as the ground dries out; most light pole foundations are set in the parking lot that will consist of pavement and curbed islands. Completion date is March 2008.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Findlay Sports Complex: Steve Heintzelman is unable to be here today. He will be rescheduled to next month's agenda.

Committee Assignments: Sobczyk proposed that the four existing subcommittees (Capital Improvements, Parks Maintenance, Recreation Programs, and Ice Committee) be merged into two subcommittees, the Recreation subcommittee and Parks Maintenance subcommittee. These subcommittees will meet on a quarterly basis or as needed. Both subcommittees will recommend items for Capital Improvement requests. The Recreation subcommittee will discuss Recreation programs in the parks and the CUBE. The Parks Maintenance subcommittee will discuss maintenance, upkeep, and enhancements to the parks. The Recreation subcommittee will consist of: Lu Draper, Chair; Bob Nichols, Ed Hartman, Greg Meyers, Jeff Shrader, and Bil Homka. The Parks Maintenance subcommittee will consist of: Jim Rhodes, Chair; Dennis McPheron, Councilman Mike Slough, Mike Sobczyk, Tim Brugeman, and Jackie Schroeder/Brian Hurt. Motion to approve creation of Recreation subcommittee and Parks Maintenance subcommittee and membership as listed above, by Shrader, second by Brugeman. Motion approved 7-1. Slough with the declining vote.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Draper reported that a proposal from an individual who rented the bandshell states they would like to sell raffle tickets to raise money for a scholarship at their event at the bandshell. The event will take place on June 23, 2007, from 7:00-9:00pm. The Board needs to approve the sale of these tickets. The Board requested additional information prior to giving approval.

Draper requested that the Swimming Pool rates be set at \$2.00 after 5:00pm. Motion to approve Swimming Pool rates set at \$2.00 after 5:00pm, by Slough, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

Draper stated that she has received several requests for food and concession vendors to sell food and beverages at the parks during sporting events. The Board agreed to allow vendors to sell food and beverages at sporting events provided that the sporting organization enter into an Agreement with the City of Findlay to do so. The vendor would then contract with the sporting organization.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that the ball diamonds are ready for ball games; crews will be in the parks maintaining the grass and ball fields regularly. The parks have received a lot of vandalism. Looking into ways to reduce and prevent future vandalism.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Brugeman distributed a news release to the Board stating several river trails will be closed while work is being completed by the City of Findlay on the Blanchard River to reduce flooding.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is May 21, 2007, at 4:00 PM in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Sobczyk  
Chair