

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

May 21, 2007

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests Present: Steve Heintzelman, Findlay Sports Complex; Ted Jastel, Hancock Soccer Association; Jeff Wobser; FAST; Jim Carpenter, Coed Volleyball Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the April 16, 2007, meeting, by Slough, second by McPheron. Motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATION

Findlay Sports Complex: Steve Heintzelman gave an overview of the Findlay Sports Complex. This organization has two other facilities in Columbus, Ohio, and Williamsburg, Virginia. Findlay's facility will resemble the one in Williamsburg, Virginia. This facility will consist of competition soccer fields, indoor pro turf fields, gymnastics and cheer center, preschool, before & after school program, fitness center, medical center to include physical therapy and chiropractor, etc., restaurant. This facility will allow for wellness and fitness programs, sport specific training, skill development, competitive gymnastics and cheerleading, recreational and high level soccer competition, competitive and recreational lacrosse indoor football, indoor baseball and softball, field hockey, indoor shows, conventions, boxing, wrestling, and private functions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Draper reported that they are busy getting the pool ready to open this weekend, weather permitting. The bathhouse renovation is moving along. The Preschool Track Meet was held this past Saturday with 25 participants. This new event went very well and was well received. Day Camp registration is underway; this year all supervisors are adults or college age students. Dodgeball starts this week with adult teams only. There are a total of 133 teams for softball league this year. Included in the meeting packet are meeting minutes from the Softball Advisory Board meetings, which Ed Hartman is the liaison from the Board. The Rotary Field of Dreams and 5-plex construction is moving along very well. Met with Hancock Leadership regarding the Playground project. Electric, light poles, and islands have been installed in the parking lot. Weather permitting they should be paving soon.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that the maintenance of the sports fields will be constant throughout the season. Busy mowing and getting the pool ready to open.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: the Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway will have its grand opening celebration on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Co-ed Volleyball: Carpenter reported that the nets are up at Riverside Park. They will not be utilizing the court at Anchor Center. They have had several injuries resulting from the stone in the sand. If the City needs or would like nets up at Anchor Center, Coed Volleyball has some extras. Coed Volleyball has 16 A League teams, 20 B League teams, and 12 C League teams.

OLD BUSINESS

Vandalism in Parks: Sobczyk, Rhodes, Draper, and Eileen Bensen, Safety Director, met with the Police Department to request an increased presence in Riverside Park. An on duty officer will be in the park during pool hours.

Main/Sandusky Park: Sobczyk reported that there has been moisture issues with the wall that need remedied prior to any work being done. Drainage work will be done this summer. National Lime and Stone will be donating stone for a perimeter wall. Millstream Career and Technology Center is working closely with the Engineering Department in developing a plan for the park and will resume work in the fall when classes start up. Millstream received a \$10,000 grant from Lowe's to offset costs associated with this project. The City is waiting to hear if a grant of \$25,000 will be awarded.

Food and Beverage Concession Agreement: The Board reviewed the Food and Beverage Concession Agreement. The Board requested the following changes be made to the Agreement: Tournaments need to provide own dumpster; list the City of Findlay as an additional insured rather than an insurance certificate holder. Motion to approve Agreement with the changes stated above, by Meyers, second by Shrader. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Windsurfing on the Reservoir Proposal: Pat Westrick submitted a proposal/request to allow windsurfing on the reservoir. Sobczyk stated that he checked with the Law Director and the ultimate decision to allow windsurfing on the Reservoir is the Service Director's. Sobczyk and Scott Shellhammer, Water Treatment Superintendent, will meet with Westrick on Wednesday to discuss with him.

131 Carnahan: The owner of the property located at 131 Carnahan is selling the property and has offered it to the City. They do not give a dollar amount. Sobczyk stated that the most recent appraised value of the property from the Hancock County Auditor's website is \$104,590. The Board feels that this price is too high in relation to the added value to Riverside Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is June 18, 2007, at 4:00 PM at the CUBE, 3430 North Main Street, Findlay.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Sobczyk
Chair