

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
October 20, 2008

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests Present: Char Johannigman, Phil Schumacher, Rod Walton: representatives of The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the July 21, 2008, August, 18, 2008, and September 15, 2008, meeting, by Shrader, second by Meyers. Motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Rotary Arena Soccer Complex: Hardy reported that the Land Lease Agreement has been signed by Hancock Soccer Association (HAS) and the City. HSA has begun work on the project.

Update on Rawson Park Project: Hurt reported that the project is pretty much complete, just waiting for the grass to grow.

NEW BUSINESS

The Arts Partnership-Wine Festival: Char Johannigman, Executive Director of The Arts Partnership, presented a concept to hold a Wine Festival in Riverside Park on June 27 in partnership with the Ohio Wine Producers Association. This will be a signature event for northwest Ohio. The Arts Partnership is seeking approval to hold the event in Riverside Park. Motion to approve the concept of The Arts Partnership holding a Wine Festival at Riverside Park by Shrader, second by Brugeman. Motion passed 9-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Draper reported that the ice skating season is up and running; secured three softball tournaments for 2009 at the Diamonds that will bring in a total of 90 teams; secured a three day regional (five state) gymnastics tournament at the CUBE for 2009. Discussion ensued regarding charging Findlay High School for use of ice time for hockey.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that the pool has been drained, painted, and winterized; parks restrooms have been winterized; Fort Findlay Playground has been resealed; fields have been aerated and overseeded.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Brugeman reported that HPD has received the City's request for \$17,000 to renovate the restrooms at Riverside Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is November 17, 2008, at 4:00 PM in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Hardy
Chair