

# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

City of Findlay  
April 20, 2009

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## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Guests Present: Mike Dillon, FAST.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the March 16, 2009, meeting, by Nichols, second by Meyers. Motion passed 7-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Findlay High School Hockey Contract: Hardy stated that the City of Findlay signed a contract for the 2008-2009 hockey season and returned it to Findlay High School for their signatures. The contract gives the City of Findlay 4% of the gate proceeds which equals \$500-\$600.00. Hardy stated the he will be contacting Findlay High School in the near future to negotiate a contract for the 2009-2010 season. Hardy is proposing that Findlay High School pay the City \$17,000 for use of the CUBE for the 2009-2010 season. Slough suggested that Findlay High School only be required to pay a higher percentage of the gate proceeds rather such a high flat fee. Meyers stated that the City should not put Findlay High School's Hockey program in the same category as other users of the CUBE when determining fees for use of ice time. Meyers suggests that if the City requires Findlay High School to pay \$17,000 for ice time at the CUBE, the hockey program will most likely fail. Meyers suggests that a committee that includes a member of the Parks and Recreation Board be formed to negotiate the contract with Findlay High School for the 2009-2010 season. Draper stated that she is still working out other options, checking with other recreation centers to determine how other communities charge their high school hockey programs. Draper is committed to negotiating a contract with Findlay High School so as not to kill the hockey program.

Motion to form a subcommittee to include Greg Meyers, Lu Draper, and Nate Weihrauch (Findlay High School Athletic Director) to negotiate contract with Findlay High School, by Slough, second by Brugeman. Motion passed 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Parking Issues at Emory Adams Park: Kenn Trout, 780 Sixth Street, emailed the City stating that there were cars parked all along Sixth Street along the north side of Emory Adams Park while soccer games/practices were going on. Mr. Trout's request to have "No Parking Signs" installed along the stretch of Sixth Street has been forwarded the Traffic Commission for its review and action at its next meeting. Draper will forward Mr. Trout's email to the Hancock Soccer Association Board and have them remind their participants that parking is not allowed on Sixth Street and also remind them of the parking lot availability at Emory Adams Park.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Draper reported that she received an email from Findlay Disc Golf stating the success of their first game of the season and complimenting the great shape of the golf course. Draper reported that the CUBE will be hosting "Rockin' in the Rink" on five Friday nights through grants/sponsorships for teens. Other activities scheduled at the CUBE are a regional gymnastics meet that will bring in 500 gymnasts and their families; the Alpaca show will return again this year. The first tournament has been held at the Diamonds. Softball registration is down. All softball games will be held at Cooper, Rawson, and Riverside.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes stated that they will not be hiring seasonal employees this summer and are down employees through retirements and lay offs. They are doing what they can with the reduced staff.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Swimming Pool: Slough asked if the pool was going to open this summer. Hardy stated that at this time the pool will not open due to budget constraints. Discussion ensued regarding the closure of the pool and regarding the Board not being informed prior to the decision being made.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is May 18, 2009, 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