

# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

City of Findlay  
August 17, 2009

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## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff Present: Jim Rhodes and Kathy Launder.

Guests Present: Gene Bridenstine, Findlay Youth Baseball; Kris Ford and Andy Lauer, Young Miss Softball; Susan Gable, Hancock Soccer Association.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the May 18, 2009, and June 15, 2009, meetings, by McPheron, second by Brugeman. Motion passed 8-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Young Miss Softball: Hardy stated that he met with Susan Gable, President of Hancock Soccer Association, regarding the Agreement with the City that states that the City will remove the softball fields at Emory Adams Park and relocate elsewhere. The City no longer has the funds to be able to remove and relocate the fields. It will cost approximately \$120,000 to move four fields. Gable stated that she and Hancock Soccer Association do not want to harm the Young Miss Softball program by insisting that the City remove the softball fields at this time without being able to relocate them. All parties have agreed to leave the fields where they are until such time the City has funds to relocate them.

Findlay High School Hockey: Hardy reported that the City received 4% of the gate from Findlay High School Hockey as payment for use of ice for the 2008-2009 hockey season. This percentage equaled \$500-\$600. This year the City is proposing that the Varsity and JV Hockey teams pay the lowest grade user ice fee for game time which is very marketable ice time. Practice time will not be charged. The total charge for ice time is estimated at \$8200-8700 which will be paid in a lump sum payment at the end of the season (January 2010).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2010 Budget: The City's 2010 budget will be significantly less than previous years' budgets. At this time, 2 Recreation Department employees will be laid off and 11 Public Works (Streets, Parks Maintenance, Cemetery) employees will be laid off. The City will not be operating the pool in 2010.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department/the CUBE Report: Gliding Stars requested ice time this year due to the closing of The University of Findlay's ice, and the City is able to accommodate them. Looking into the cost of The University of Findlay's ice equipment and possible corporate sponsorship for purchase of this equipment. Looking to the future need for an additional sheet of ice. Discussing with The University of Findlay the possibility of trading services for its usage of the Diamonds Fields 1 and 2 or charge them a fee to use the fields.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Need to know whether the City will be opening the pool next year because that will affect how the pool is closed this year.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is September 21, 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