

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

September 21, 2009

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Guests Present: Susan Gabel, Hancock Soccer Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 17, 2009, meetings were not approved for lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Findlay High School Hockey: Draper reported that an agreement has been made with Findlay High School (FHS) for compensation for use of ice time. Practice time for FHS JV and Varsity hockey teams will be no charge; game time will be charged at a rate of \$190 per hour which will equate to approximately \$8,740.00 for the 2009-2010 season. This charge rate will be locked in for three years. A formal agreement has been drawn up and is being reviewed. Each person attending the "Captain's Skates" or open hockey practice will be charged \$5.00 per person.

NEW BUSINESS

Hancock Park District Parks Grant Program: The grant program is a one year grant for renovations or improvements to existing facilities in the parks. Suggestion for this year's application is to request \$15,000 to create new (at the northeast corner of the CUBE property) or convert softball fields (at Swale Park) to replace fields at Emory Adams Park that are to be turned over to Hancock Soccer Association for their use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department: Draper reported that they are finished with the event season. The Alpaca Show was very successful and would like to schedule for next year (\$11,000 rental); Hancock Handlebars and Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting shared a weekend which worked out well. The ice is currently being laid. Public Skate will begin soon. Silver Blades will be hosting an Open House this weekend. Ice time is currently booked solid for the 2009-2010 season. The University of Findlay offered the City of Findlay the first right of refusal on the ice equipment they have for sale. The City does not have the money to purchase anything at this time.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that they are doing maintenance on the buildings in the parks, painting, repairing fencing, and little mowing is being done. A grant was received from the Hancock Park District to upgrade the main restroom at Riverside Park. This work will be done over the winter.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Soccer Association Report: Gable asked if the Hancock Soccer Association Board agreed to pay for the materials for overseeding at Emory Adams Park if the City would be willing to provide the labor. Hardy and Rhodes agreed to provide the labor. Gable also stated the membership numbers are down 7-8% over last year and the competitive membership numbers are much worse.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is October 19, 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