

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
January 19, 2010

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## 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, Meghan Clement, and Kathy Launder.

Guests Present: Susan Gabel, Hancock Soccer Association.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the November 16, 2009, meeting, by Shrader, second by Meyers. Motion passed 9-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

UF Ice Hockey Equipment: Draper reported that City Council appropriated funds for moving four ballfields from Emory Adams Park. Only two ballfields need moved this year. Draper suggests requesting Council to reallocate the funds for purchase of ice equipment from the University of Findlay. Draper would like to purchase the dehumidifiers, Zamboni, propane refueler, and 135 ice skates. The total amount needed would be \$150,000 to purchase these items. The University of Findlay is allowing the City to make 3 annual payments in the amount of \$50,000. The City will pay for \$105,000 and the remaining \$45,000 will come from investors who volunteered to contribute. Meyers stated that if the City does not have the equipment to maintain and operate the ice and the building, then there will be no revenue coming in. Meyers continued that Council should allocate funds each year in its Capital Improvement budget investing in the maintenance and upkeep of the CUBE.

Motion to recommend that Council reallocate a portion of the appropriation from relocation of softball fields to purchase of ice equipment from The University of Findlay, and to set up a fund with the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation for donors who would like to contribute to the purchase of ice equipment, by Brugeman, second by Shrader. Motion passed 9-0.

Riverside Pool: Negotiations are ongoing with the Findlay Family YMCA for running the Riverside Pool in the summer 2010. The City needs to move cautiously towards an agreement with the YMCA because of the aging equipment and unreliable state of the equipment. It will cost at least \$7,000 to get the pool ready to open. The Recreation Department and Parks Maintenance Department do not have any money in their budgets for opening and operating the pool this year. Hardy stated that he expects to hear back from the YMCA by the end of January. Draper reiterated what was mentioned in the November 2009 meeting that a study group needs to be formed to look at other municipal pools and to determine if the City of Findlay's new pool should be a competition pool or recreational pool.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Recreation Economic Outlook: Draper stated that she gave a presentation to Council's Committee of the Whole meeting regarding upcoming events that will exceed a \$10 million economic impact for Findlay. Brugeman stated that a great credit goes to Lu Draper and her staff on the excellent powerpoint presentation given at City Council's Committee of the Whole. It was very impressive coming from such a small staff.

Draper announced that the City of Findlay Recreation Department was awarded the opportunity to host the National World Series Baseball Tournament scheduled for July 7-11, 2010. This tournament features 11-14 year olds from 16 states. The tournament will consist of 80-96 teams. All ballfields in the City will be utilized. Each team will be charged an entry fee and spectators will be charged admission. The Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau will be contacted for marketing funds. Draper is in discussions with Findlay Youth Baseball for a co-sponsorship. In the agreement for the co-sponsorship, Findlay Youth Baseball will receive 40% of the

proceeds, City of Findlay Recreation Department will receive 40% of the proceeds, and the remaining 20% will be deposited into a special fund with the City of Findlay to be used specifically for improvement of ball diamonds and recreation facilities in the City of Findlay. If this year's tournament goes well, the City of Findlay will be able to host this tournament as long as we want to.

Hancock Soccer Association is planning its premier tournament in September 2010. The goal is host a minimum of 80 teams. Findlay Men's Flag Football is hosting a tournament of approximately 40 teams in March 2010.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: This year the Recreation Department is charged with becoming financially independent, meaning revenues need to exceed expenses for 2010.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that materials are ordered for renovations to Riverside Park restroom.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Hardy  
Chair