

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
February 16, 2010

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bruce Hardy, Chair, Tim Brugeman, Hugh McClintock, Brian Hurt, Dennis McPheron, Bob Nichols, Jeff Shrader, Mike Slough.

Staff Present: Jim Rhodes, Pat Wright, and Kathy Launder.

Guests Present: Brian Courtney, Habitat for Humanity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the January 19, 2010, meeting, by Shrader, second by McPheron. Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The University of Findlay Ice Hockey Equipment: Hardy stated that The University of Findlay accepted the City of Findlay's full bid on its ice hockey equipment items.

Riverside Pool: City Council's Committee of the Whole was going to meet with the YMCA on February 9, 2010, to discuss the YMCA operating Riverside Pool for the summer 2010. This meeting was rescheduled to February 23, 2010. More information will be available after this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

New Board Member: Hardy welcomed Hugh McClintock, new board member. McClintock replaced Ed Hartman after his term expired.

Habitat for Humanity-West Park Project: Brian Courtney with Habitat for Humanity presented a proposal to the board for improvements at West Park. Habitat for Humanity held several meetings with residents in the West Park area as well as sent out a survey to determine what they would like to see in the park. The consensus was that residents would like more play equipment and a walking track. The existing shelterhouse will be demolished and replaced with a new one; adding 11 benches; 2 exercise stations; multipurpose field for soccer or football; and if funding permits a 15 space parking lot. Courtney is seeking approval to move forward with the proposed plan.

Motion to approve Habitat for Humanity's concept of West Park improvements subject to final approval by Engineering Department and accepting gifts of volunteer time, money, and play equipment, by Brugeman, second by Shrader. Motion passed 8-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Wright stated that Silver Blades and Gliding Stars' events are coming soon; the Public Skates are well attended; ice will be available in May and June 2010; an organizational meeting will be held for softball for over 80 teams; Flag Football will have a tournament in March involving 30-40 teams.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that all equipment is up and running for spring/summer except the pool.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Brugeman reported that Riverside Boat Rentals will open for the season on May 29; the Riverside Bandshell Summer Concert schedule is confirmed; the new bikepath sections are being engineered and coordinated with landowners and Northwest Ohio Flood Mitigation Partnership; Hancock Park District is celebrating its 40th Anniversary.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is March 15, 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