

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

April 19, 2010

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bruce Hardy, Chair, Tim Brugeman, Bil Homka, 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: Rick Tidd, Flag City BalloonFest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the February 16, 2010, and March 15, 2010, meeting, by Shrader, second by Brugeman. Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA Proposed Operation of Riverside Pool: Hardy distributed a draft of the agreement that the City will enter into with the YMCA for operation of Riverside Pool. It was suggested that a clause be added that the City will not contribute any more than a certain dollar amount for repair/maintenance of the pool. City should request a copy of YMCA's financials for operation of the pool monthly or at the end of the season for best practices. Discussion ensued regarding profits the YMCA may earn from its operation of Riverside Pool. The Board feels that the City should be entitled to a percentage of the profits since it is spending substantial dollars to open the pool.

Motion to recommend that the administration discuss with YMCA the sharing a percentage of profits earned from operation of the pool and concessions up to the amount the City appropriated in order to open the pool to help subsidize the City, by Shrader, second by Nichols. Motion passed 8-0.

Pool Study: Draper reported that a meeting was held with a consultant for municipal pools. If the City does a professional feasibility study for a new pool, it will cost \$15,000. It is suggested that an internal group meet first to decide whether to enter into an agreement for a feasibility study. It was suggested to utilize The Center research conducted several years ago.

A Pool Study Committee will be formed to include: Lu Draper, Recreation Department; Jim Rhodes, Public Works Department; Brian Hurt, Engineering Department; Bil Homka, Hancock Regional Planning Commission; Jeff Wobser, Findlay Area Swim Team; Findlay YMCA; American Red Cross; The University of Findlay; and 2 members from the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Anchor Park Movies: Bob Schuck (not in attendance), owner of Pirates Cove, requested that fees be waived for a movies in the park event he would like to organize at Anchor Park every Friday evening throughout the summer. Motion to recommend that the administration not waive fees for rental of Anchor Park and make no exceptions for established City practices to include cleanup, dumpster, etc., by Meyers, second by Brugeman. Motion passed 8-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that they now have all the UF ice equipment the City purchased; this Sunday the chillers will be turned back on after the Gymnastics tournament is over to start putting ice on; the mixed martial arts event last weekend brought in \$6,000 in revenue; The Guess Who concert brought in \$3,000 in revenue; all 5 fields have been rented for qualifying for the Nations Tournament; co-ed softball has the same

numbers as last year; there will be no women's league due to low interest, however, there will be several tournaments scheduled throughout the summer to accommodate those teams that are interested; Hancock Park District is helping spruce up the grounds around the Cube and Diamonds.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that the grass infield at Swale softball field has been removed; 9 of the leftover trees from Adopt-A-Tree program will be planted at Firestone and Riverside Parks; work is continuing on the Riverside Restroom project.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: no report.

Flag City BalloonFest: Rick Tidd, President of the Flag City BalloonFest committee, expressed concern over the light poles that are being installed in Emory Adams Park for the new premier soccer fields. He is concerned that these poles will interfere with the BalloonFest event. Hurt stated that the project manager has not been in to obtain permits for any further work. Brugeman stated that he is meeting with the project manager tomorrow for status of project and to make sure that all necessary City permits are obtained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is May 17, 2010, 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