

# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

City of Findlay  
May 17, 2010

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## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Guests Present: Bob Schuck, Pirates Cove; Mark Shrider, Findlay Youth Baseball; Jeff Whitman, Findlay Youth Baseball; Jeff Castret, Young Miss Softball; 2 Young Miss Softball coaches.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the April 19, 2010, meeting, by Shrader, second by McPheron. Motion passed 9-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

YMCA Operation of Riverside Pool: Hardy reported that the City and the YMCA is close to signing the agreement for operation of Riverside Pool. The City requested that the YMCA include the City of Findlay as an additional insured on its insurance policy protecting the City. Also, the City, on recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board, attempted to negotiate a profit sharing provision to the agreement as well as a limit of City funds to be expended for repair and maintenance of the pool. The YMCA was not favorable to the profit sharing provision. They feel that their donors would not be willing to share in any profits the YMCA may make from operation of the pool. The Board still feels that any profits made by the YMCA from operation of the pool should be shared with the City to offset the City's appropriation of over \$50,000 of taxpayer money toward the opening of the pool in order for the YMCA to operate it.

Anchor Park Movies: Schuck resubmitted his request for use of Anchor Park to host movies on Fridays during the summer, addressing the concerns of the Board. Schuck stated that he will have the screen on a box truck rather than poles; trash receptacles will be provided and his staff will clean up the area after each event; permission from a neighboring business for use of its parking lot has been obtained to provide adequate parking for the event; concessions will not be sold at the park, but will be sold at the Pirate's Cove; a drop for electricity will be obtained from American Electric Power and will be arranged and paid by Schuck. Schuck is requesting that the rental fee charged for use of the park be waived by the City. Motion to recommend that the rental fee for use of Anchor Park be waived, by Brugeman, second by Slough. Motion passed 9-0. Schuck was directed to meet with the City's Event Committee for approval of Event Permit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that the Mayor sent out letters to individuals requesting they serve on the Pool Study Committee. The ice is up and the ice season is doing well. A lot of people have committed to pay for ice time. Public skates and after school open skates are well attended. Open skate ice time is also available from 10am-2pm daily for a \$5.00 fee. A lot of business people take advantage of this and skate on their lunch hour. The dehumidifier will be hooked up this week. Tournament time is starting at the Diamonds. A truck rodeo and flea market has been scheduled for August 21 in cooperation with the Car Tunes on Main event. Eddie Money will be in concert at the Cube on April 9, 2011. The gymnastics tournament was a \$16,000 weekend for the City. The organizers are bidding for the tournament to be held in Findlay again in 2011.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that general maintenance is being done.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Brugeman reported that the Riverside Boat Rentals will open May 29. Riverside Park Concert Series will begin June 16, and volunteers will open Band Shell rather than City staff. Today is Brugeman's last Board meeting. Gary Pruitt will be Brugeman's replacement at the Hancock Park District and will serve on the Board beginning in June. Draper thanked Brugeman for his commitment and dedication to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Findlay Youth Baseball: Mark Shrider, Commissioner, reported that the conditions of the baseball fields at Emory Adams Park are poor after it rains and games have to be cancelled. Rhodes stated that 135 ton of sand has been ordered to place on the fields to take care of these issues.

Young Miss Softball: Jeff Castret, President of Young Miss Softball, stated the same concerns of poor conditions of fields after a rain. Another complaint was that fields need to be drug more often. Rhodes stated that all fields in the City have been drug once. The weather has not cooperated so that fields could be drug additional times. It is a waste of time to drag a field if there is rain in the forecast. The Public Works Department is down 15 employees. They will do the best they can with the current manpower to maintain the fields. Castret also expressed concern over the timing of eliminating the softball fields at Emory Adams Park. He wants to make sure that the Emory Adams fields are not eliminated prior to the replacement fields at The Cube being ready to play on.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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