

# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

City of Findlay  
August 16, 2010

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## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Bruce Hardy, Chair, Brian Hurt, Bob Nichols, Gary Pruitt, Jeff Shrader, Mike Slough.

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

Guests Present: Jeff Castret, Young Miss Softball; Susan Gabel, Hancock Soccer Association.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 21, 2010, meetings were not approved for lack of a quorum.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Riverside Pool Update: Hardy reported that the main pump at the pool failed early last week. The main pool was closed, but the Splash Pad and Diving Pool remained open. Rhodes was able to have the pump repaired by Saturday and reopen the pool.

Young Miss Softball Fields Near CUBE Update: Hurt reported that all the drainage is in. The area has been mowed and sprayed. Next week it will be tilled and then graded. Grass seed will be planted by September 13. As the grass is growing the back stops will be installed.

Hancock Soccer Association/Rotary Premier Fields at Emory Adams Park Update: Gabel reported that the light bases are in and the walkway has been cemented. Soccer will begin playing on the fields this weekend. A competitive soccer tournament is scheduled for September 24-26, 2010. There are currently 80 teams signed up for the tournament for U-9 to U-14 teams. The goal is to have 120 teams participate.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pool Study Committee: Slough stated that the committee had its first meeting. They are getting organized and setting direction. They held discussions on location of a new pool, recreation vs. competitive, ADA accessible, identifying user groups. The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2010, at 9:00am in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Findlay Youth Football Plans: Hardy stated that the Findlay Youth Football organization requested that the area north of the CUBE designated for Young Miss Softball fields be developed as Findlay Youth Football fields. The City denied their request as it is moving forward with development of two softball fields. Hardy suggested that the west side of the CUBE be looked at instead. Much more infrastructure will be needed to develop this area. A suggestion was made to look at the area where the college ballfield is at Swale Park. If this area will no longer be used, it can be converted to Findlay Youth Football fields.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Draper reported that the Nations Tournament was successful and an estimated \$12,000-\$15,000 net income will be received. Recreation is gearing up for another ice season beginning August 23. Bowling Green Skating Club needs early ice. The City has made a request for use of half of The University of Findlay's carpeting to cover the ice for the Hancock Handlebars event. Findlay Grrowl will no longer be using the CUBE. The Recreation Department can fill all ice time that was vacated by Findlay Grrowl. Gearing up for fall softball leagues. Meeting with ice arena user groups.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Rhodes reported that the money that was donated by Hancock Soccer Association is being used to purchase grass seed for Emory Adams Park and will be planted this fall. Due to layoffs, the Park system is operating on two employees who take care of the pool, Riverside Park, and maintenance at Public Works office. Rhodes has assigned four employees from the Public Works Department to maintain the remainder of the parks and are responsible for mowing all areas that the City is responsible for.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt stated that the Greenway Trail project may be delayed. The Hancock Park District Board is waiting to move forward with the project until after the Flood Mitigation Plan is developed. The Board will revisit at its September Board meeting and decide what position they want to take.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is September 20, 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