

Park and Recreation Board
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: Charlie Bruckner, Patrick Carroll, Michael MacDonald, Karen Harant, Richard Kavulla

Members Absent: Russell Motschenbacher, William Ramsey

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Giles Salyer, Cindy Stein

Other's Present: Bill Stuff, Todd Knowles

With no corrections or additions to the minutes from October meeting Board motioned to approve as written. Motion seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marty Basta, Park and Recreation Director

- October 29th there was the "grant opening" at Skyline Park for the new playground structure for both Skyline and Jaycee Parks.
- ZYBO is interested in running a cable under the Weissman bridge; their last offer was \$7,500 for a 30 year easement. The City is not agreeing to the proposed offer and will continue to work with them.
- The Park Foundation is scheduled to meet today at noon; they are also scheduled at the February 14th City Commission meeting to update the Commission on their progress.
- Rachael Kaizer will address the Park Board this coming Spring on additional security when she redoes the mural that was destroyed by vandals.
- Rachael Kaizer is working with Doug Wicks (RTI) to paint the bases of the Weissman bridge, board received a copy of what she will be painting.
- Board received a copy of the progress that was completed on the River's Edge Trail this past year including proposed trail extensions.
- Richard Kavulla will not be serving a second term on the board. The position will be advertised.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Olson Field Renovation

Bill Stuff and Todd Knowles were present to discuss their use of the Don Olson Baseball Fields.

The Legion Ball Club entered into a 15 year lease in 2011 with an option for additional 5 years.

They are considering some major improvements to the current baseball fields and they are not comfortable doing all the improvements with only a 15 year lease. They would do fundraising and also bridge financing. They would like a 30 years lease with a 30 year extension.

They have discussed purchasing the property at some point if the fundraising goes well, this would be in their best interest. They will also apply for CTEP funds for improvements.

Some of the improvements they are considering are:

- night lighting *this is a priority from all coaching staff
- indoor practice
- parking lot and landscaping
- stadium seating upgrades with a roof
- they built a restroom designed for a 2nd floor and all plumbing for future concessions eight or nine years ago that would be completed.

Don Olson fields are used by approximately 50 kids, ages 16-18. That includes the Americans, Stallions, and Chargers. Centene Stadium is used by AA league and is not available once the Voyagers start except for league games.

Marty informed the Board that the only long term lease we currently have is with Centene Baseball Stadium with a 50 year lease.

It was suggested that they look at Multi Sports as an option; discussion continued on this idea and they will take back to their board and schedule a meeting with Park and Recreation staff to discuss further.

Discussion was tabled until they meet with their board and everyone is able to go in one direction with the option of the Multi Sports complex usage.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff

Giles Salyer, Park Superintendent

- Irrigation blow out close to completion
- Repairs to bridge at Westbank park
- Pinski park play structure completed
- Snow removal - continues yet
- Leaf pickup is two days behind due to the snow; they will extend pick up for two more days;
- Two new boilers to be put in next week at the Natatorium by AT Klemens; work should be completed by December 3rd, the Natatorium will be closed during that time.

Board

Karen Harant will not be attending the December Park Board meeting.

Question on RET being blocked off on the north side by the island (tail race island). It will be open this week after they complete the repaving and stripping in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.