

Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014
Minutes

Members present: Charlie Bruckner, Shirley Davis, William Ramsey, Michael MacDonald, Patrick Carroll, Russell Motschenbacher, Karen Harant

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Becky Hapka

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

Board motioned to approve the minutes from April, 2014 as written. Motion second and carried.

Director's Report

- Marty' Basta spoke about Dudley Anderson playground with special needs. Guest spoke of special needs children and autism and they would like a play structure that would be suited for special needs children in Dudley Anderson Park. Also there is a safety issue that would have to be addressed by adding a fence around the play structure. The neighborhood will begin soliciting for donations for the new play structure and all funds will go into the People's Park Foundation. There also could be grant money available for a special needs playground that can be applied for. Marty to set up a project with the People's Park Foundation for donations.

Board motioned to support the fundraising for a special needs playground at Dudley Anderson. Motion second and carried.

- Budget reviews will begin this week, should find out what level of funding we will have.
- RTI will be applying for CTEP funding (have to have a match) for improvements to the trail system.
- Park Board was not in favor of applying for CTEP grant to replace ballards in Elk's Riverside with matching from Park Trust.
- Faith Lutheran Church wants to build at Skyline Park (4.2 acres); property is listed as excess parkland and has been determined to one of the parcel the Park and Recreation should sell. There has been an appraisal done and value is \$60,000-\$62,000. The property would have to be advertised and bids accepted.

Old Business

Lions Park Climbing Rock

The Lion's Park climbing rock is shaping up with the wire structure (framing) being placed this month, and should be completed in two weeks. The Lion's Club will host an "Opening Ceremony" in June.

Wadsworth Park Community Garden Update

Mike Dalton has the water rights in place and staff will meet with him tomorrow at Wadsworth and invited board to get their input on the proposed community garden in Wadsworth Park.

New Business

Marty noted that selling Parkland will come up during the City's budget reviews. The Park Board does not favor selling parkland. The Board has agreed to consider parkland sale on a case by case.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Staff

Patty Rearden

- the Easter Egg Hunt was a beautiful day and a huge success.
- The Ice Breaker Road Race was also a beautiful day with 3,464 participants
- Summer camps are almost full
- Senior Olympics is in need of volunteers
- Retirement reception on Friday for Marty at Gibson Park 4:00-5:30

Board

Requested that a field trip be arranged to look at properties for sale

Little league costs and who pays for water; the City pays a small amount for the watering and the little leagues are responsible for everything else.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.