

Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Charlie Bruckner, Patrick Carroll, Shirley Davis, Lynn Oatman

Members Absent: June Sprout, Russell Motschenbacher,

Staff Present: Joe Petrella, Todd Seymanski, Lonnie Dalke, Sherri Floerchinger

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

With no corrections or additions to the minutes, Board motioned to approve as written. Motion second and carried.

DIRECTOR

Joe distributed the June monthly report. It was a good month for golf and pools. Fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, shows a cost recovery at the Water Park of 125% without the loan payment and 81% with the loan payment. The loan will be paid off in September of 2015. The Natatorium is doing a little better but is still under 50% cost recovery. We are not done with budgets yet; the Commission only got through about half the budget at their last meeting and have scheduled an additional meeting to complete the presentation at 3:30 today. One of the things in question is the Trail Manager position. Joe distributed the bullet points in regards to what the Trail Manager would be doing. (Doug Wicks will be retiring.) The position would be paid for by a transportation grant that Planning and Community Development receives and partly by the general fund. Greg recommended everything we requested except for a work order program. That included giving back a temporary position to Parks for the summer for spraying and things of that nature.

We had the bid opening for the West Bank Rest Rooms. They came in about \$60,000 over the cost estimate. We will have to figure out how we are going to fund the additional expense and accomplish the other proposed improvements. Some of the funding may need to come from the irrigation and landscaping budget. The Commission will award contract next Tuesday at the City Commission Meeting.

We will be meeting with the School District on shared usage of facilities and the challenges we face as a department. Multi Sports and golf courses are two standout issues. Both are enterprise funds and we do not receive any general fund support. Currently, what the School District is providing isn't close to covering their usage. I don't know where we will go with that, possibly a Memorandum of Understanding between the two departments.

OLD BUSINESS

We have two staff that are being funded through RTI to help with maintenance of the trail this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

West Bank Park Grant

Doug Wicks made a presentation to the Board regarding a section of trail in West Bank Park. Burlington Northern is planning on putting in an additional rail line to service Calumet. A portion of the existing road coming from the parking lot near the Wastewater Treatment Plant into the park is on railroad right-of-way. On behalf of the Recreational Trails, Inc. (RTI),

Doug is applying for a Missouri-Madison RiverFund grant to replace 910' of asphalt trail near Sacajawea Island, with a 9' wide concrete trail. He is proposing eliminating the road going into West Bank Park and realigning the trail. The cost estimate for the trail replacement is \$75,000. The funding proposal includes the RiverFund request of \$35,000, a NorthWestern Energy match request of \$20,000 and RTI match funds of \$20,000. Doug distributed maps and photos of the area impacted. According to the Master Plan, this area of the park is meant to be the passive area of the park. A golf course was allowed to be developed in that area of the park, which is contradictory to the proposed use, and may not be the best place for it.

The Board indicated that they would like to go look at the site in West Bank Park before discussing further. A meeting in the park was set for Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Doug will be moving forward with the grant application; the exact alignment can be decided at a later date.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Staff

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- Trimming
- Working on diseased Elm tree program
- Gibson Park flower bed is looking really good

Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor

- Mowing and irrigation fixes
- Poured the slab and installed the Lions drinking fountain in Lions Park; just in time for Lions Family FunFest which is Saturday, July 11 ceremony
- Putting another fountain in at Belview Park; the slab is poured

Other

- Joe reported that Doug Wicks got a \$10,000 grant from NorthWestern Energy for a drinking fountain along the trail directly across from NorthWestern Energy. They will bore under the road to install the water line.

With no further business meeting adjourned.