



Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2014

Call to order by Tom Herman at 6:02pm

Attendance taken by roll call: Tom Herman, John Roach, Paul Wojnar, Joseph Shucofsky and Joe Brown present. Ron Benko was absent.

Directors Report

Start by going through revenue/expenditure reports

- Went through month to month, highlighting the month of November and that we captured around \$65k. Went into the expense report month to month and YTD and that our department is tracking accordingly. Went through a few expense items and where we are. Discussed debt service that was taken out
- Went through month to month and YTD with regards to revenue: Saw some gains from last report and that we are doing well when compared to projected revenues. Discussed the few areas we are behind with regards to FY14 projections
 - Went through the wage increases to part-time/seasonal employees due to min wage increase. This increase across the board was 1-1.5%, which raises our PT recreation wages \$7,100.00 dollars.
- Went through the field turf (Handout was given) and that we are planning to replace the turf for a total of \$386k. Discussed the status of the turf and the repairs that we have been doing the past few years. The turf has been good but its life cycle is expired. Discussed the company we are working with through a cooperative purchasing agreement.
 - Discussed using the old turf for soft toss base and batting cage base
 - Discussed the legislation and when it will go before council
 - Paul W asked what the cost was for classic HD vs. what we are looking to get.
 - Discussed the stadium light situation and that some of the infrastructure needs updated/repared
 - Tom gave some guidance on the electric and why this has occurred
 - Tom gave a few electric company suggestions
 - Joe mentioned he would email commission the link which shows how field turf installs the turf

Moved into miscellaneous items:

- Still working on the budget and the capital improvements to the parks next year and the next few years
 - Pool pumps, sound system, Bohlken Park

- Followed through on the Kent State needs assessment and where we are in that process
 - How we are sending it out, how many responses we are looking to capture
 - Getting the survey out in late Feb or early March
 - Kent State students will present this info to council
 - Going to include dogs/parks and possibly where that should go
- Bain Cabin lights being replaced with newer LED bulbs and wiring
 - Conversion from regular bulb to LED bulbs
 - When will it be done? Was asked John Roach
 - Replacing exterior lights as well
- Morton park- New roof was installed and shade structure details with regards to when it will be installed. Discussed moving the shade structure (3) feet from bldg so kids cannot climb up on the roof.
 - Discuss the (2) new sidewalks that will be installed once weather breaks
 - Paul asked about one of the elements at the new playground
- Bohlken Park: Discussed the expansion of our grounds maintenance department and that they need a home base to hub out of. Looking into the expense of bldg a 3k square foot pull barn
- Bain Park ice rink development was discussed- Creating an ice rink that would be open skate
 - Need help from weather patterns but our hope is that we could have open skate through early March
 - Discussed removal of evasive brush throughout the creek that runs through south Bain Park
 - This is being done to raise the security within the park, adding transparency through the tree line
- Discussed a program update: Youth and adult programs are going well with basketball, volleyball, and pickle ball coming soon to the Gemini
- Discussed the RFP for concession agreement- Out intent is to contract out our concessions throughout all of the park(s) and facilities
- Discussed the sponsorship process and where that is headed along with the new website that will likely become live in February
 - Went through sponsorship allotment, which was a question from the November meeting

Individual Park Reports:

Herman: Old fence at Tri-City along with bleachers needs to go

Benko: Absent

Wojnar: Everything looks fine @ Morton (Frozen plywood) /were dog signs

Shucofsky: Didn't get to Grannis Park

Roach: Reported on Bain Park and that there were ruts from a car (Minor) nothing else to report

-Perhaps we can take commission trip to all parks

Board of Education (Mr. Shucofsky): N/A

Council Report: N/A

Recognition of Visitors – none

Adjournment: 7:05pm

Next meeting
January 22, 2015 at 6:00pm
Willow Room