

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2013

John Meehan, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens, Bill Wiebrecht and Hannah Gould, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Patricia Bordman, Anne Bray, Peter Bray, Dorothy Conrad, Linda Forrester, Oz Forrester and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Therese Longe, that the minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting be approved as corrected.

Agenda Item #1 – Tennis Courts Rules and Signage

Connie reviewed the tennis courts rules, signage and policy for the usage of the city owned tennis courts.

Bill asked if the hours of operation **could** be changed.

Connie stated that the hours of operation are based on the hours of when the parks are open.

Dominick suggested further changes to the proposed tennis sign. Connie stated she will bring the proposed sign with the necessary changes at a future meeting.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1a – Golf Course Financials

Lauren furnished the Golf Course Financials.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

Bill stated that there was no cost from last year for merchandise revenue.

Lauren will confirm with finance on the merchandise line item.

Bill asked what is the justification for splitting the non-resident and business memberships between the two golf courses.

Lauren will confirm with finance on splitting the membership fees between the two golf courses and the item can be discussed with the Golf Course Subcommittee in December.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1b – Golf Course Report

Lauren furnished the Golf Course Report.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

Communication/Discussion Item #2 – Fairway Park Sewer Project

Lauren furnished the calendar of the Fairway Park Sewer Project that has been ongoing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM #1- Kenning Park Master Plan

Lauren announced that at the December 3, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting representatives from Johnson Hill Land Ethics will review Kenning Park alternative plans, resulting from an initial public workshop on October 17, 2013

Lauren stated that the proper channels will be used to inform the public on the December 3, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM #2 – Linden Park Conifer Rock Garden

Lauren stated that the project was presented at the City Commission following the October Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Mr. Lasser was at the City Commission meeting to present his concept plan and the City Commission turned it down.

Bill stated that an idea like Mr. Lasser was not in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Bill stated that the Parks and Recreation Board should have been notified well in advance before his original plan had been forwarded to the City Commission.

Linda Forrester talked about the plan that was created for Martha Baldwin Park and the proper steps that were taken to create the project that was developed and how successful the project was.

Anne Bray asked how the non-native trees were planted along Rouge River

Lauren stated that the department strives for native trees but the city has not taken a hold of strictly native trees.

Therese asked if there could be dual planting lists of trees to be used in different situations. One tree list could be used for plantings in front of homes where the other tree list could be used for parks and natural settings.

John Meehan asked Lauren to ask the City Manager if he is interested in the Parks and Recreation Board work on a donation policy.

John stated that the next meeting will be held on December 3, 2013, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator