

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013 in the City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Ronald Sill, Nick Serednitsky and John Monahan. Beverly Moran, James Benanto and Red Clynych were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present and Athletic Director Joseph Orazetti was excused.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to accept the agenda, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made Nick Serednitsky and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the January 14, 2013 minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one from the public was present.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Basketball programs are wrapping up this week. They will have an end of the season party and sweatshirts will be given to the participants. Little League has completed their registrations and the numbers are down. It is likely that there will be two major division teams, at best and minor division players. The condition and maintenance of the field is being discussed with the league members. Men's soccer will continue to play on Sunday mornings at Witek Park. Currently, there are two teams. Any additional requests will be forwarded to the Board of Alderman with it understood that the only time available is the Sunday morning schedule. Youth Soccer will be starting at Witek Park soon. Mr. O'Connell had no information on the numbers for their program.

Mr. O'Connell is looking at the fields as the spring season is approaching. There are a number of projects to be completed this spring. He continues to work on the plans and arrangements for the press box. There is a new scoreboard for the girl's soccer field. The basketball courts at the picnic grove will be finished. The Bradley School tennis courts will be removed and grass will be sown. There are ongoing discussions on seeking funding for visitor bleachers at the football field. He and Parks and Recreation Commission members continue to explore the replacement of the Ryan Field football lighting. They weighed the benefits of replacement. The electrical costs would be reduced. There would no longer be a need to remove and reinstall the light pole each year as is currently done with the transition of the field from football to baseball. Most importantly is the safety of the players. With each passing year the lumens on the existing lights are diminishing making it harder to see the activity on the field.

Members also discussed the renovation or replacement of the field house. There are funds available to replace the roof but with so many other issues involving the building it was questioned whether doing the roof was cost effective at this time. Mr. O'Connell noted that he had no funding available for an engineering study to determine the extent and cost of a construction project. Members noted that referendum questions are being prepared for other major projects in the City and they questioned whether the recreational needs should also be presented to the voters. They felt that seeking funding for the lights and bleachers would be a good starting point for showing support for recreation.

Motion made by Ron Sill and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to recommend to the Board of Alderman to place on the referendum a funding request in the amount of \$250,000 for the purchase and installation of football field lighting and visitor bleachers at the Ryan Field Complex.

Discussion on the motion. Mr. O'Connell suggested that the amount be increased to \$260,000 to accommodate any cost increases from his previous estimates. Motion was amended and motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Nick Serednitsky and second by Ron Sill. Move to request that the Capital Planning Commission redirect the approved funding for replacement of the field house roof toward engineering studies to determine the best action to be taken on restoration or replacement of the field house. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Orazetti was excused.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

Budget: Mr. O'Connell reviewed the current budget and the projections for the 2013-2014 budget. He noted that the increases were minimal and necessary. The salaries were increased by the 2% authorized by the Board of Alderman. He is working out the details as to when this increase is to be implemented. The budget reflects a retroactive increase of 2%. He raised the maintenance for Witek Park by \$1,000 as the current budget is already more than 50% and the spring work has not begun. He requested an increase in the building and field supplies and the office supplies. He indicated that the Derby Colt Baseball line item is for the Babe Ruth program. He does not anticipate having a team this year but placed \$1 in the line item to allow it to remain open on the budget. Small increases were made to the girl's softball program and to playground supplies.

		2013-2014 Budget	2012-2013 ACTUAL
Dept 5100 - Parks & Recreation			
110-0110-0000	Parks Director Wages	21,433	20,600
110-0111-0000	Supervisors	66,924	64,325
110-0112-0000	Attendants	18,665	17,940
110-0114-0000	Lifeguards	10,674	10,258
110-0115-0000	Bldg Maintenance wages	15,957	15,337
		133,653	128,460
140-0141-0000	Playground Wages	7,515	7,320
230-0231-0000	Yankeegas	5,500	5,500
230-0232-0000	Water Co.	5,800	5,800

230-0233-0000	Light Pole Ryan Field	1,500	1,500
		20,315	20,120
270-0278-0000	Witek Park Maintenance	16,000	15,000
		16,000	15,000
330-0330-0000	Equip. Maintenance	26,000	26,000
330-0331-0000	Bldg & Field Supplies	25,000	22,000
330-0332-0000	Office Supplies	3,700	3,300
330-0333-0000	Recreation Equip.	4,500	4,500
330-0348-0000	Technology (computer)	750	750
		59,950	56,550
390-0001-0000	Derby Colt Baseball	1	3,300
390-0007-0000	Girls Softball	500	100
390-0009-0000	Soccer	4,000	4,000
390-0010-0000	Little League	7,500	7,500
390-0011-0000	Pop Warner	9,000	9,000
390-0012-0000	Wrestling	1,000	1,000
390-0013-0000	Playground Supplies	2,500	1,800
390-0016-0000	Girls Softball 14-18	1,200	1,200
		25,701	27,900
480-0484-0000	Youth Basketball	7,500	7,500
480-0488-0000	Skate Park		
		7,500	7,500
	Dept. Total	263,119	255,530
	Ryan Field Capital	10,000	10,000
	Grand Total	273,119	265,530

Motion made by Nick Serednitsky and second by Ron Sill. Move to accept the proposed 2013-2014 Recreation Budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connell noted that he is working with Mr. Hughes to work out the details of the Witek Park maintenance. Due to the Derby Inland Wetlands Agency stipulation with the approval of the application, the facility shall be managed pursuant to a certified Integrated Turf Management Program. Mr. Hughes, who has the proper training and certification, has done this on a volunteer basis during his tenure as Alderman.

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.