

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

(meeting taped)

Monthly meeting: Monday, August 12, 2013 in the City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Ron Sill and Red Clynych. Move to accept the agenda, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made Nick Serednitsky and second by Red Clynych. Move to accept the June 10, 2013 minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one was present.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell indicated that Capital Planning has authorized the purchase of football field lighting and visitor's bleachers for the Ryan Field Complex. Bid waivers have been sought from both Board of Alderman and Board of Apportionment and Taxation. He is seeking to have the equipment fully installed by the first home game in September. Asphalt will be installed under the visitor bleachers and tree work will be done to trim and groom the area to accommodate the new lights. He is working with the contractors and the Public Works to accomplish this task. He has also retained a contractor to perform necessary interior work on the press box. Originally, he was hopeful that funding or community service was coming from Home Depot to refurbish the press box but that did not materialize so he is going forward with the much needed repairs. The replacement of the lights has been long in coming and the members are very enthusiastic that the project is now moving forward.

In regards to the programs, Pop Warner is underway. Little League is moving forward with their fall program. Youth soccer has yet to set their fall schedule. High School soccer is starting at Witek Park. The fireman's softball league is finishing their season. The summer program is going well and will be finishing up next week. The removal of the tennis courts at Bradley was beneficial as it opened up the area for further use. The free lunch program was very successful and benefited many local children.

Mr. Clynych questioned whether asphalt could be placed by the field house. Mr. O'Connell indicated that he did not have funding to do so but maybe crushed stone or road millings could be found to at least lessen the muddy conditions that occur in that vicinity.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Orazetti stated that the first home game is September 13th. The illumination of the field in the past few years has been very poor and the teams look forward to the new fixtures. The schedule has many local rival teams playing at Derby this year and the visitor's bleachers are greatly welcomed. He noted that there is no freshman program this year as the turnout numbers were very low.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:

The greenway continues to be a well used recreational asset and the latest additional trails and bridge crossings around O'Sullivan Island have added to the overall success.

The basketball court enhancements at the picnic grove have also seen great successful with the facility having a high level of usage.

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by Nick Serednitsky. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

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