

# RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on September 13th, 2010 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Jeff Courter-Chairman, Mary Jannides, Greg Jones, Katie McMillan-Council and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist

Absent: Tim Bickel-Secretary, Jerry Knoop

Courter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. There was one correction to be made to August minutes. The name of the Probation officer/Deputy Bailiff should read Crystal Barton instead of Martin. Jannides made a motion to except the minutes with the correction and Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Pool and Food Program update:** Rogers gave a power presentation on the results of the Summer Food Program as well as the final pool results. Please see attached presentation.

**Julia Lamb Play Equipment:** Gaier informed the board that the Parks and Recreation staff will be installing a new piece of play equipment at Julia Lamb Park this Fall. The piece of play structure will have a rock climbing feature with the netting that children will be able to climb and hang on. This piece of equipment was purchased last year (2009). The Parks and Recreation Department received a 50/50 grant from Game Time and was able to purchase a larger piece of play equipment with the grant funds.

**American Legion Baseball returning to Custenborder:** Gaier informed the board that he is currently working with Bill Longsbury from the American Legion to get American Legion Baseball back in Sidney at Custenborder field after a two year absence. Bill Longsbury as well as our Law Director Mike Smith are reviewing the contracts with the City of Sidney and the American Legion to get the baseball reinstated at Custenborder. An individual has stepped up and is going to several local companies in town to try and raise funds to have the "A" diamond at Custenborder reworked. This will include getting the lips on the infield level, installing new sod, re-working the pitchers mound and reworking the brick dust on the field. The goal is to have the money from the companies by October so the work can begin and be ready by the spring.

**No Hunting Signs Along Canal Feeder Trail:** Gaier informed the board that he will be installing No Hunting Signs along the Canal Feeder Trail. This property has been hunting grounds in the past years but with the new trail we will no longer allow hunting in this area. 2/3 of the land has been annexed into the City limits now with the other property belonging to a governs deed. The signs will be bright yellow with bold black letters. We will be searching the ODNR website for advice on where the signs should be located **along the trail.**

**Old Business:** There is no old business at this time.

*Comments:*

Jones updated the board on the probationer program. August the program had 17 people that participated with a total of 504.5 hours and 80 hours for Jones' time for a total of 584.5 total hours.

Courter thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for filling all the cracks in the tennis courts at Sidney High School. The material for the project was a 50/50 split with the school and the Parks Department.

Jones inquired about if military personnel are on leave would they be able to get into the pool for free. Gaier informed him that he would have to discuss this with finance, city manager and council. Jones made a motion to have the military personnel on leave be able to get into the City Municipal Pool for free. Jannides seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Gaier informed the board that we would be taking a tour for our next meeting.

Jannides motioned to adjourn and Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Jeff Courter, Chairman

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Tim Bickel, Secretary