

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on August 2nd, 2010 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Jeff Courter-Chairman, Mary Jannides, Jerry Knoop, Greg Jones, and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist, Crystal Martin-Municipal Court

Absent: Tim Bickel-Secretary, Katie McMillan-Council

Courter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Canal Feeder Phase II Update: Gaier updated the board on the Canal Feeder Phase II with a power point presentation. Gravel was put in from Vandemark to the start of Phase II for access. Finrock Construction received the bid for the Phase II. This is the same company that received the bid for the Phase I. This project is an 80/20 grant from ODOT. The cost of Phase II will be \$358,000.00 to build with a completion date of September 1st, 2010 for the .78 mile addition. The width will be 10' asphalt with 2' gravel edge. At the South end of Phase II a 60" pipe crossing ravine will be added for emergency vehicle access.

Memorial Bench and Tree Program: Please see the attached forms. Gaier gave the board the Memorial Bench and Tree Program forms to review. Trees, provided by the donor in memory or in honor of individuals, must be located along the Veterans Memorial Walkway. Other areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The tree's plaque will be the donor's responsibility. The tree's masonry base and installation will be the city's responsibility. The parks and recreation department will water the memorial trees for the first year and will replace the tree if it dies within the first year. After that it will be the donor's responsibility.

Memorial Benches will be considered in all city parks. The parks director or his designee will review written applications for benches and approve or deny the requested location. Minimum distances will apply to both trees and benches to facilitate mowing and maintenance by parks employees.

Probationer program: Probation officer/Deputy Bailiff Crystal Martin informed the board that this program has been working out great under the leadership of Greg Jones. The program started on June 26th and is running on Monday and Tuesday's from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. . . . The program is intended for people to work off their fines. There has been a total of 153 hours served; Greg has put in 64 hours for a total of 217 hours served. The probationers receive \$6.25 per hour to help pay off their fines. The work consists of mowing, weeding and painting at Tawawa Park and Flanagan Sports Complex. Gaier informed the board that this program has really helped out the Parks Department since we have had reduced staffing for the summer and the Work Release Program was cancelled for this year.

Flanagan Softball Field laser grading update: Gaier gave a power point presentation of the laser upgrade. There were three bids received for this project. Mercer Group out of Troy received the bid. The grading job and completed project was \$13,000.00 and was completed in June. The project was part of the Parks Department's 2010 Capital Projects. At the concession area the asphalt is sloped so the water runs off toward the fields. A 10' wide grass area of sod strips was added around the foul areas to absorb the water run off from the concession area. The fields were also crowned to help the water run off the fields. Water is supposed to run off the field and not run through the fields.

Comments:

None at this time.

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

Jeff Courter, Chairman

Tim Bickel, Secretary