

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on August 1st, 2011 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Jeff Courter-Chairman, Jerry Knoop, Kelty Inman and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News

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

Absent: Tim Bickel, Mary Jannides

Courter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Knoop made a motion to except the minutes and McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of New Board Member: Kelty Inman was introduced as the new board member replacing Greg Jones.

Rotation of officers for 2011-12: Bickel will be the incoming president with Inman becoming the secretary.

Tony Wagner recognition: Rogers informed the board that Mr. Tony Wagner will be retiring after this season as Pool Manager after 27 years of service. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to place a plaque on the guard house for the Outstanding Service that Mr. Wagner has given and also name the slides, "Wagner Slides". Courter made a motion to put a plaque on the guard house and also to name the slides "Wagner Slides". McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rogers also informed the board that there will be a small ceremony on Monday August 8th for the pool slide dedication for Mr. Wagner.

Steve Stilwell recognition "Stilwell Stretch": Phase #3 of the Canal Feeder Trail (gravel section) from Vandemark to the paved section on Phase #2 was named "Stilwell Stretch". This area is .8 mile in length. Stilwell was the former City Manager and was very instrumental in getting funding for the trails in this area. The dedication was on July 15th, 2011. Courter made a motion to accept "Stilwell Stretch" as part of Phase #3 along the Canal Feeder Trail. Inman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brookside Update: Sturm Construction has moved into Brookside Park and have all the trails cut in. The gravel base for the trails should be on Wednesday August 3rd. All the lumber for the shelter houses have been moved into the site location and some of the shelters have been started; also some of the over-looks have been started as well.

Central School Playground: Gaier informed the board that Central School playground equipment has been on the budget replacement list for the last several years, but because of all the budget cut-backs this play equipment has been pushed back. The land that the play equipment is located on is currently used by three entities Sidney City Schools, First Baptist Church, and the City of Sidney. The City of Sidney has a policy that states that we will have a neighborhood park within ¼ to ½ mile of each neighborhood. This being said Julia Lamb is considered a neighborhood parks and could take the place of Central School playground. Gaier wanted the support of the board to talk to the other two entities and when it is time for Central School playground equipment to be replaced that the City

would just tear down the old equipment and fence and shelter house and not replace it if all involved are in support of this. Courter made a motion to have Gaier start talking with the other two entities involved about not replacing the old play equipment when it is to be replaced and start using Julia Lamb Park. McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NK Telco Communications Building: Gaier informed the board that about six weeks ago a NK Telco Communication representative contacted former City Manager Steve Stilwell about their company putting up a communications building at Deam Park. Stilwell turned this project over to Parks Director Duane Gaier since it was a parks related issue. The location they would like to install the building would be at the corner of the parking lot away from the basketball court and the shelter house area. The building would be a 10x10 building and a 15 x 15 footprint area. There will be a fence and landscaping around the building. The building, landscaping and fence will all be done at the parks and recreation departments specifications. All the wires, cables etc. will be run underground not over head. There will be a lease agreement that will be worked out with the City Manager and the Law Director. McMillan stated that she would like to see some made-up specifications and lease agreement requirements for any future buildings that might go on park property in the future. Courter made a motion to proceed with the NK Telco Communications Building. McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: None at this time.

Comments:

Inman motioned to adjourn and Courter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Courter, Chairman

Tim Bickel, Secretary