

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on August 3rd, 2009 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room.

Present: Tim Bickel, Mary Jannides, Jeff Courter-Secretary, Greg Jones, Katie McMillan-Council and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News
Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist

Absent: Jerry Knoop-Chairman

Courter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. No corrections were made to the minutes. Jannides made a motion to accept May 4th, 2009 minutes. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park History Review: Gaier recently received information back from Cheryl Michaels and Janet Ross about the history of Tawawa Park. The two have been doing research about the naming of Tawawa Park and recently submitted the information to Duane. Duane has given the information to the Historical Society and many other citizens to review and get back with him on some other factual information that they have. Gaier encourage the Recreation Board to look over the information that they have received and let him know of any other factual information that they many have. This information will be going onto the City of Sidney's Parks and Recreation website in the near future.

Piper Park Naming: Gaier spoke to the board about naming the newly created park on the downtown court square, "Piper Park". Jannides made a motion to name the new park on the court square, "Piper Park". Jones 2nd the motion. Motion went to vote and the vote was unanimous. Gaier will take this recommendation to council for their approval.

Eagle Scout trail naming: The City of Sidney Parks and Recreation Department recently received a letter from Tom Frantz, Scout Master asking that the trail from Landrum to the covered bridge in Tawawa Park be named "Trail to Eagle". He is requesting this for the Eagle Scouts that have done Eagle Scout projects at Tawawa Park in recent years. See attached letter. Bickel made a motion to name the trail "Trail to Eagle". Jannides 2nd the motion. Motion went to vote and the vote was unanimous.

Camp Brookside update: The City recently was given Camp Brookside. The City had the property surveyed. There are currently 27 acres at Camp Brookside. The City discovered that the Girl Scouts still owe back taxes on the property and the City will have to pay the back taxes. The amount owed still is not known at this time. Gaier hopes to make a resolution to City Council in October to have the land annexed into the City of Sidney. The Parks and Recreation Department will honor all reservations that have currently been made, but will not be accepting any new reservations at this time.

Contingency plan update: The Parks and Recreation Department has had to make some cut backs in these rough economical times. In 2009 The Parks and Recreation Department was asked to cut back \$130,000.00 and in 2010 was asked to cut another \$81,000.00 out of the Parks and Recreation budget.

Comments:

No comments at this time.

Jannides made a motion to adjourn and Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jerry Knoop, Pres.

Jeff Courter, Sec.