

# RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on May 2nd, 2011 from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Jeff Courter-Chairman, Tim Bickel-Secretary, Mary Jannides, Jerry Knoop, Katie McMillan-Council and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jim Heuing-Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Joe Sturm of Sturm Construction

Absent: Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist, Roger Gibson and Lana Patch-Plasti-Pak Manufacturing and Chamber Leadership.

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

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Brookside Update:** Joe Sturm, Sturm Construction brought up a the meeting that he did not think it was fair to Sturm Construction the way Brookside Project was rewarded. He was questioning the #9 alternate, trash cans that took away Sturm Construction as the low bidder. He also mentioned that he is a respectful local contractor that has property with-in City Limits and just wants a “Fair Shake” on the project. Gaier replied that the Park Board does not have the final say when it comes to the financial aspect of the project. The park board and the park staff do know what they expect as the final outcome of the project, and give the City of Sidney’s Engineering Department determine the best way to get there. Gaier went on to say that the City Manager and the Utilities Director and himself have a meeting set-up for Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> to talk about awarding the contract. Gaier also advised Joe Sturm to talk with Chris Clark with any other concerns. McMillan asked if the project would have to be re-bid. Gaier stated that it would not have to be.

**I-75/St. Rt. 47 gateway project:** Gaier showed the board a power point presentation of the I-75 ramps beautification projects. He stated that the City of Sidney would apply for a grant for \$24,500 for the project and said that there may be additional funding from private local businesses. He also states that funding may not be enough to complete four ramps. One might be done this year and the others to be done years to come depending on the grant money. Gaier stated that the size of the plantings is limited due to ODOT guidelines of visual sights. McMillan questioned if grant application has been sent in. Gaier said that is has not. Bickel questioned if it was State or Federal grant? Gaier said that it is through ODOT. Courter asked if there were any businesses that have committed. Gaier said that there are some that there is some showing interest, but did not have their names at this time.

**Recreation Board member recommendations:** At this time, no one has made any contact of showing interest. Jannides stated that she will continue informing certain individuals on this position. McMillan questioned term length. Gaier stated that it is a five year term and the person must be a resident of Sidney. Gaier gave the office number to the board for anyone that would have questions about the board or to those who may have interest.

**Flood Issues:** Gaier said that we did not get the rain that was predicted and did not have much damage.

**Recent Eagle Scout projects:**

1. Kick wall at soccer basin. Complete with exception of back filling and wall mural painting. Project done by Troy Baker.
2. Benjamin Trail walk path rework mulch. (Between Wagner Glade East around Amos Lake) at 2500'. Project done by Jared Brautigam
3. Brown Park storage building painting. (Painted entire building light gray and trimmed in white. Project done by Alex Saunders.

**Potential Projects:**

1. Stairs at Flanagan from upper to lower parking lot
2. Trail improvements from upper Flanagan parking lot to Davis Bridge

Jannides asked if there is a project list and asked if parks board could add suggestions. Gaier said that the city staff has made a list and would take suggestion from park board.

**Old Business:** All board members agreed that there is need to fill the Recreation Board vacancy.

**Comments:** McMillan inquired about the Thorne Family and their rock. Gaier said that he has not heard back from them and said that the rock has been moved to the Service Center on Vandemark because it was interfering with the daily operations being in the barn at Tawawa Soccer Fields.

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

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Jeff Courter, Chairman

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Tim Bickel, Secretary