

# **RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on September 12th, 2011 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Tim Bickel-Chairman, Kelty Inman-Secretary, Mary Jannides, Jeff Courter and Tom Barnett with Sidney Daily News

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

Absent: Jerry Knoop, Katie McMillan-Council

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Jim Gaier spoke to the board about a project that he is currently working on and wanted to have the support of the board for his project. He will be raising private funds to put plaques on 17 trees along the Veterans Memorial Walkway at Custenborder between the outfield of the "A" diamond toward St. Rt. 47. The trees were donated and planted for the 17 soldiers from Shelby County that lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Gaier will be sending out approx. 14 letters to local business to raise the funds for the plaques. Jannides made a motion to support Gaier's efforts to raise the funds for the plaques. Courter seconded the motions. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**NK Telco building update:** Gaier informed the board that the City Law Director is not in support of a private entity building being put onto public grounds. Also there was a lot of concern from the neighbors around Deam Park as to where the building would be. Jannides would like to know how other public communities allow private buildings to be put onto their grounds and we can not. Gaier informed the board that he would look into this and let them know at the October meeting.

**Pool, Summer Clinics and Food Program report:** Rogers gave the board a power point presentation. Please see paperwork for the results.

**Eagle Scout Project-Zane Travis:** Zane Travis from a local Boy Scout troop constructed steps that lead up to the Davis Bridge from a trail that he cut back and mulched from the Lodge Soccer Fields through the trees/brush to Davis Bridge that leads into Tawawa Park by the Landrum Soccer Fields. The total length of the trail is approx.10 of a mile.

**Klopfenstein Memorial:** A local family from Jackson Center had memorial donation dedicated to Tawawa Park to be used for maintenance. Their loved one Rick Klopfenstein used Tawawa Park almost on daily bases so the family wanted to give back to the park. Gaier made a list of items that could be done in Tawawa Park and presented this to the Klopfenstein family and they chose to have a small shelter/bench area with a concrete slab with a grill put up in Tawawa Park. There is a tree planted with a plaque in Memory of Rick Klopfenstein and there will also be a decorative trash receptacle there as well. There will be a plaque put on the shelter house saying that the funds for this project were funded by memorial donations from the Klopfenstein family. The family donated the money for the material and the parks department provided the labor for this project.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**Comments:**

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

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Tim Bickel, Chairman

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Kelty Inman, Secretary