

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on August 6th, 2012 from 4:15 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Kelty Inman-Chair, Mary Jannides-Secretary, Tim Bickel, Ward Cartwright, Jeff Courter

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist, Tom Barnett-Sidney Daily News

Absent: Katie McMillen

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Barr Property Update:

Gaier showed a power point presentation of the Barr property. This showed where the Barr property is located in respect to Tawawa Park and where the stakes will be located for the new boundries from Tawawa Park to the Barr property. The property is owned by Dr.Dale and Carol Barr located to the east of the City of Sidney Water Treatment Plant. This will be an additional six acres of property added to Tawawa Park giving Tawawa at total of 226 acres. The land has some steep hills so we will not be mowing this property, but will be maintaining the trails that are currently there. The currently plan is to have the property transferred by December 31st, 2012.

Update on the Brooklyn Ave. property:

The City of Sidney has been inquiring about a piece of property that has been for sale on South Brooklyn Ave. This piece of property was a former compost facility.The trustee is asking \$125,000.00 for the property. The city offered \$25,000.00 and an environmental study. The city wrote a grant to purchase the land and the grant was approved. City Council did not approve this purchase of land after the environmental study came back. The city then contacted the trustee to inform them that the City is no longer interested in the land.

Pool attendance numbers:

Currently the pool is off \$13,000.00 off of last years numbers at this time.

2011-\$88,000.00

2012-\$74,000.00

There are a few thoughts as to why the numbers may be down:

1. Mama Rosa use to buy approximately \$5,000.00 worth of pool passes for their employees, but that did not happen this year because of new management.
2. Too hot this summer and the pool water was really warm and not refreshing
3. Shorted the hours and raised the prices. For the past four years we have raised the pools entrance fees.

Jim Daniels retirement:

The Parks Department had a maintenance worker Jim Daniels retire after 30 years with the City. Jim worked 20 years within the parks department. He will be missed. The city has no plans to replace Jim because of the economical conditions.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business at this time.

Comments:

Gaier informed the board that on the West Lake Connector there was a wash out because of a crushed pipe leaving a hole in the asphalt along the walkway. This would have been located going down the hill from West Lake Drive. With a combined city departments efforts this is currently being fixed and should be reopened tomorrow afternoon.

Gaier also informed the board that he has been approached by a mother of the Sharon School of Dance is Sidney about hosting a non timed 5K color run through Tawawa Park. Runners run into the park through the normal 5K route and there will be stations located within the route and at each station there will be different colors that will be splashed onto the runners leaving them with multiple colors on themselves after the race. The color is made up of cornstarch which will wash away. The event staff has contacted a couple of pressure wash companies to wash away the color after the event. This will be brought up again at our next meeting with the events staff coming to talk to the board about the event.

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

Kelty Inman, Chairman

Mary Jannides, Secretary