

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on September 10, 2012 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Kelty Inman-Chair, Mary Jannides-Secretary, Katie McMillen, Tim Bickel, Jeff Courter,

Absent: Ward Cartwright

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director

Inman 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:

Color Run presentation from Katie Koester

Katie Koester, representing the Sidney Dance Company (SDC), requested support from the Board to put on a “color run” in Tawawa Park as a fundraiser for the SDC. The run, which will not be a timed race, will provide white shirts for the runners, and stations through out the race route where volunteers throw or spray colored cornstarch on the runners. The powder will applied to them as they pass by and targeted below the shoulders.

A festival of sorts will be held in the soccer basin where there will be sealed food, music, novelties, and additional packets of cornstarch will be available for purchase. Control for the additional cornstarch packets will be maintained by a temporary perimeter fence for the event.

The SDC has acquired commitment from two businesses to power wash the asphalt and areas around the color stations and have it cleaned and Tawawa Park ready to open again at 10:00.

At the end of the presentation a motion was made by Bickel to support this type of race in Tawawa, and a second was made by Jannides. All approved.

2012 municipal pool/recreation summary

Gaier presented the 2012 municipal swimming pool, food program and recreation statistics. While the City added one additional site this year for the food program (Sherman Park), the attendance numbers were slightly off last year pace of 5500 participants. It is being assumed that because of the hot summer, some of the kids did not come out to the parks to eat.

Attendance and receipts at the Municipal pool were lower than 2011. Two potential causes for this were that this year a corporate sponsor who had purchased pool passes for the employees did not participate in the bulk purchase program; and the second reason again being the record setting heat in the Miami Valley. At one point, the pool water

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reached the low 90's. At that temperature, the pool water is no longer comfortable, or cooling.

The recreation program continues to hold its own due to the in-kind donations of time and money from the community. There were many individuals that donated time to teach the clinics; and organizations that assisted with funding for the supplies and equipment needed to run them. Gaier indicated that Jennie Rogers and her staff do a great job for the children in the community. They not only drop off the food at the parks, guard the kids at the pool, and run some of the clinics; they take the time to get to know the kids involved or at the pool, clinics, and food program. It is evident when Gaier visited the sites and they kids were joking and laughing.

Custenborder Score Board

Gaier shared with the board the purchase of a used scoreboard for the Legion Field at Custenborder. The current scoreboard is very dated, and no longer serviced by its manufacturer. It was repaired this past summer by Area Energy and Electric for the American Legion Baseball team.

A new score board would have cost \$22,000.00, plus installation and materials. The Parks Department purchased this used unit for \$510.00 from the City of Celina. Parks staff will apply a new coat of paint and replace the light bulbs. Installation of the unit will be this fall in place of the old board. Gaier reported that Jim Heuing was instrumental in acquiring this new piece of equipment and saving the city thousands of dollars.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

Comments:

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

Kelty Inman, Chairman

Mary Jannides, Secretary