

## **RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Kely Inman-Chair, Mary Jannides-Secretary, Katie McMillen, Jeff Courter, Ward Cartwright

Absent: - Tim Bickel

Also Present: Duane Gaier- Parks Director, Jennie Rogers-Recreation Specialist and Todd Ratterman-Chamber

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Health Fair:** On April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Health Fair held at Dorothy Love. This is open to the public. The Parks and Recreation Department will be advertising their Recreation Programs along with promoting the Sidney Municipal Pool.

**Military recruits in Tawawa Park:** Chuck Craynon set-up some new military recruits to volunteer to pick up trash and branches within Tawawa Park over the weekend. There were a total of 24 recruits and seven recruiters. The plan is to have the recruits come back again in the spring to volunteer again.

**Work Release Program:** This program will start on March 6 this year. This is a contract with the Sheriffs Department to have four inmates a deputy and a vehicle to trim tree, weed wack along guard rails, fences, ditches and around the head stones at Graceland Cemetery. This program is a great asset to the Parks and Recreation Department. The contract is for eight months (March-October). If any department needs them beyond the eight months they will come in to work more hours if needed.

**Community Foundation Grant Application:** There has been a preliminary grant application wrote to the Community Foundation to try and reinstate the swimming lessons at the Sidney Pool. In 2010 the lessons were cut from the Parks and Recreation Budget due to budget cut back. The grant would cover a two week swim lesson period.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None at this time

**Comments:**

Inman told the board that this would be her last meeting. Her term expires on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and she will not be renewing her contract with the board. She is going back to school, but has enjoyed her time on the board.

Gaier notified the board that the Cincinnati Reds grant that was applied for was declined for the improvements at Custenborder Field.

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

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Kelty Inman, Chairman

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Mary Jannides, Secretary