

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010**  
**6:15 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were Liz Crain. Anna Karen Pennington was absent. New members were welcomed: Sue Otte replaced Tim Yazel-Library Board appointment, Steve Sickbert replaced Tim Shuppert-School Board appointment and David Malson replaced Jan Voiles-Mayor's appointment. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Parks Liaison Bill Goins.

**Minutes:** Minutes of November 10, 2010 was presented for approval. Crain moved to approve minutes for November 10, 2010. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Claims:** Crain and Corn reviewed claims prior to meeting. Crain moved to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

**Unfinished Business:**  
Discuss Doors for Restrooms – Mathews reported he received grant money from the Rush County Community Foundation and the Kiwanis to replace doors in North Veterans Park. Mathews said that South Veterans Park, WestEnd Park and Community Park need new doors too but we don't have enough money to fix all doors now. Mathews stated he is very appreciative of the grant from the Community Foundation and Kiwanis. They are small grants but every little bit helps. He will turn in a claim for the balance of the doors. Corn stated the doors run about \$250 per door. Mathews stated they will get on those soon.

**New Business:** Bill Goins – Discuss Softball Complex – Goins presented the Parks board with the following information:  
Rushville Park Department City Softball Diamond  
Due to the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Project, the City is asking landowners to donate land. The School is willing to make a deal with us. They will help in upgrading the diamond, help out financially and offer workers.  
We are looking for grants right now. These are no match grants/free money.  
We have developed a lot of partnerships.  
Our first priority is to make this field safe.  
Dave Green with the School has been super to work with.  
Diamond is used for Adult Softball Leagues from April to September.  
1. Men's  
2. Women  
3. Mixed – Men & Women  
Diamond serves as field for Rush Consolidated High School Girls Softball team. April-May-June  
Diamond is used by various Junior Girls teams and leagues – during spring and summer months. Tournaments held – practices and games.  
Rushville Consolidated High School uses facility for Physical Education class's weather permitting year (school) around.  
Rush County Youth Football and various Youth Baseball Teams use facility for practice (seasonal).  
Youth and adults use facility for recreation, family reunion, pick-up games and practice.  
Need to upgrade facility both for appearance and safety. This field is in constant use but is inadequate.

Needs:	Estimate:
1. Fencing	\$19,000.00
2. Excavating – Infield Reseeding – Leveling	\$ 3,500.00
3. Backstop Wall	\$ 3,000.00
4. New Scoreboard	\$ 4,000.00
5. Refurbishing Concession Stand	Volunteer Work – Donated Materials
6. Dug out	\$2,000.00 Material Volunteers Doing Work
7. Score Box	\$5,000.00 Material Volunteers Building

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On this project this is a community used facility. Volunteers will do the vast majority of the work.

1. Taking down and removal of old fences. The new fence to be installed will be bigger to get ambulance in and out. The old fence will be given to the Fire Department to build a training center.
2. Reseeding of the infield once leveling and excavating done.
3. The building of the score box and wiring.
4. Refurbishing the concession stand. Includes installation of cabinets, water, sinks, lighting and insulating of building and painting.
5. Building of new dug outs.

Professional will do:

1. Installing new fence.
2. Excavating and leveling infield
3. New scoreboard

This is a much needed project. The field is highly used by all ages of our community and needs to be upgraded. Upgrading will also make this facility safer and our structures up to a better standard appearance wise, use wise and safer.

There will be a meeting this Thursday at the Elks at 7:00 p.m. for all the volunteers.

The volunteers will be split into groups of talent.

Goins went on to say they are planning on doing fundraisers.

He is here to ask permission from the Parks Board to use the Parks Non Reverting Fund money at this time and then when the fundraising money and grant money come in the Non Reverting Fund will be reimbursed.

Corn stated he had no problem with using the Non-Reverting Fund but we also have other leagues such as Little League and T-Ball and they all pay for maintenance on their own. He said he just hopes these teams don't come forward and want money also.

Goins said this group is not going to go away.

Malson said the School is contributing financially and also contributing manpower.

Malson stressed doing a paper trail.

Mathews said the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Project is very important to the City and the School working with us to give us land in exchange of us helping them out he feels is great.

Sickbert stated the different organizations need to give more financial information. We need monthly reports. This will protect all.

Malson stated he also feels this is important for all the board to know.

Sickbert moved to support using the Parks Non-Reverting Fund money which in turn will be paid back. Malson seconded. Motion carried.

Goins stated when officers are established he will pass that info on.

Sickbert stated he will pass this info on to the School Board.

Discuss Valentines Dance – BRMS – Sharpe handed out flyers. For the 8<sup>th</sup> year now the Parks Department has sponsored a Valentines Dance for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year the dance will be held on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the BRMS cafeteria. Music by DJ Kevin Green. There is no admission fee and all kids will get free refreshments. Mathews gets donations of pop and ice and cookies will be served. We are in need of chaperones. Mathews stated it is a fun event and urged all to attend.

Discuss Pool Manager – Mathews reported that Carfield will not be back as Pool Manager this year. We advertised in the paper for a Pool Manager and received four (4) applicants. Mathews would like to interview these four applicants and hire at the February meeting.

Mathews will make his recommendation to this board in February.

Mathews stated the new Pool Manager will then pick their Assistant Manager and interview and hire staff.

Mathews will set up interviews in 20 minute intervals.

It was decided to set up interviews on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Corn, Sickbert and Malson volunteered to do the interviews.

Election of Officers for 2010 –

President – Crain nominated Corn as President. Malson seconded. Corn accepted. Motion carried.

Vice President – Crain nominated Malson as Vice President. Sickbert seconded. Malson accepted. Motion carried.

Secretary – Corn nominated Crain as Secretary. Sickbert seconded. Crain accepted. Motion carried.

**Items not known in advance:**

Malson questioned the notice in paper in reference to the Park Restaurant.

The group felt it is important that Conover keeps the restaurant the same size as to not take up any more of the park.

The group will check with Area Plan on this.

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Corn stated he is thrilled to have the new members on our board and stated he is looking forward to a good year.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY