

**PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2003**  
**6:30 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, Rushville. President Tim Shuppert called the meeting to order. Members present were Jack Harmon, Denny Corn and Tracey Phillips. Wilma Jo Kile and Charlie Brown were absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

**Minutes:** Minutes of December 10, 2002 was presented for approval. Harmon moved to approve minutes. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports:** Mathews reported that the Valentine Dance would be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at BRMS from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He is requesting all the help he can get. Chaperones are needed. He will get donations of soft drinks and will order the cookies from Subway.

Mathews then reported that there would be a new program this year in the parks called "Relay for Life". This program will be Fathers Day Weekend, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This program raises money for cancer and is a very important program and he is very proud to be a part of it.

Mathews stated he is providing the park, Memorial Park Shelter and the Security. He has contacted the City and County Reserves for security. Feels it is important to have those there in uniform. They will patrol the walk paths as the walkers walk.

Mathews asked for help and support for this project and will discuss times with board, as it gets closer to the time.

He also shared with the board that there will be a meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for more details of this important event. This is open to the public and anyone wanting to get involved should attend.

Mathews stated that everyone should have received the Year End Report for 2002 with their agenda's. (See attached)

He gives credit to everyone that has made all these things happen. Was a very successful year last year and is looking forward to this year.

Mathews reported that Gary Pohl with Butler Fairman and Seufert, the City's On Call Engineer and himself have been playing phone tag. As soon as they make contact they will set up a date to come and inspect the pool. As of right now there is 3-4 inches of frozen water in the end that is to be inspected.

Mathews stated that when he hears from him he would share that with the board.

**Claims:** Reviewed prior to meeting by Harmon and Phillips. Phillips moved to approve claims for the month. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Discuss Goals for 2003 -**

- 1) Build 6 New Open Shelters
- 2) Install Handicap Parking @ Veterans Bridge
- 3) Reseal Basketball Court and Old Tennis Court @ South Memorial Park
- 4) Paint Basketball Post and Backboards in South Memorial Park and Community Park
- 5) Paint Playground Equipment in South Memorial Park
- 6) Install Slide in Community Park

- 7) Install Drinking Fountain in Community Park
- 8) Repair, Scrap and Paint Park Office

Mathews stated these are goals that he has set for his department and himself for this coming year. These goals are above our normal duties of keeping the Parks mowed and looking nice, getting the pool up and running and also continuing to have programs in the park.

Shuppert asked if anyone had anything to add or talk about?

Harmon stated he felt it was a good list.

Phillips asked if, in the future, there were any plans to add more structures to the Skateboard Park.

Mathews stated he thinks Brown has that in mind.

Sharpe stated the grinding rails have been ordered and that there still remains \$7,000 in the fund, which was carried over to this year.

Sharpe shared with the board that she received a phone call from Jennifer Ruzicka, former ARa employee now working on Grants in the City of Salem, questioning our City of Rushville's Skateboard Park. Sharpe stated she shared with her the steps taken to acquire our skateboard park and Ruzicka shared that there is up to \$25,000 available for Skateboard Parks through the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The board decided to see how our park goes and if there seems to be an interest to save this paper work and possibly look into possible funding down the road.

**New Business:**

Shuppert read a letter from the Rush County Community Foundation, Inc. that was sent to Mayor Bridges. The letter stated that on behalf of the Foundation staff and board, they are pleased to extend sincere appreciation for our generous gift of \$972.63 to the Rush County Parks Fund, which was received on 12/31/2002. This gift will bring that fund to \$5,000 and will pay out in December 2003. Our contribution helps them continue the work of the Foundation.

There being no further business, Phillips moved to adjourn. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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**TIM SHUPPERT, PRESIDENT**

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**TRACEY PHILLIPS, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**JACK HARMON, MEMBER**

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**WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER**

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**CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER**

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**DENNY CORN, MEMBER**

**ATTEST:**

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**CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY**