

PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were Anna Karen Pennington to is replacing Jack Harmon who resigned, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles, Tim Yazel and David Hasecuster. Also present were Attorney Ron Wilson, Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Mervyn Bostic and Secretary Carla Sharpe.

Corn welcomed new member Anna Karen Penning to the Parks Board.

Minutes: Minutes of December 11, 2007 was presented for approval. Hasecuster moved to approve December 11, 2007 minutes. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews reported the Valentines Dance is Friday, February 8th at the Benjamin Rush Middle School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This dance is for all 7th and 8th graders. Mathews stated we've done this for the past 5 years and is something he likes to do and is fun and encouraged all to help chaperone.

Mathews reported he rolled money over from last year's budget to purchase video cameras for North Veterans Memorial Park. He rolled over \$10,500. This will be monitored at the Police Department and will help monitor the restrooms and the gazebo the two places we have the most vandalism.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Hasecuster and Voiles. Hasecuster moved to approve claims for the month. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business:

Swimming Pool Update – Electrical – Mathews reported the electric has been turned back on. We still have an issue with the heater. Not satisfying him. They have installed a bigger heater.

They installed a small heater in the breaker room and also in the bleach room.

These small heaters were installed today.

Did a wonderful job on the wiring.

Mathews stated this was a long term fix and feels we won't have to worry about this problem anymore.

Attorney Wilson stated we just need to make sure this won't happen again.

Mathews said he will monitor the situation. We've also changed chemicals and he feels this was a design issue. He said he feels this should never happen again.

Pennington asked if there is a safety issue.

Mathews said no and stated we will have no more problems. We are good to go.

Shuppert said the only other design flaw he sees is the sand filter. He feels it can freeze.

He feels these needs to be taken care of next.

Mathews said yes it needs to be under roof and in a heated area for the winter.

New Business:

Discuss Pool Manager – Mathews made a recommendation to hire Anita Carfield as Pool Manager for the 2008 season. Mathews said she is very professional and that keeps him away from there.

She's done a good job in the past, even with reports.

Shuppert moved to approve Mathew's recommendation to hire Anita Carfield as Pool Manager for the 2008 season. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews said this will probably be her last year.

Shuppert said we need to bring someone in to help her that will possibly stay and she can tran.

Mathews said he will advertise the 1st of March for summer help.

Items not known in advance:

Shuppert shared with Mathews that in Willkie Park there is a raised set of bricks and feels this could be an issue.

He would also like a step put up to the gazebo for getting in and out.

Hasecuster said he was approached by the Boy Scouts. They are interested in having a Jamboree at the Amphitheater in July.

The board asked Hasecuster to refer them to Sharpe.

Corn shared with the new Mayor that he feels the Parks Board has taken back seat when it comes to the Amphitheater. He feels the Parks Board should be more involved in what money is being spent.

Sharpe said she will share the minutes with the board.

Corn suggested having a baseball meeting to get contracts signed.
Sharpe will put that on the agenda for the March meeting and request the league presidents come to meeting with all the information.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID HASECUSTER, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY