

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001
6:30 P.M.

- Call To Order:** The Parks and Recreation met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were George Coons, Tim Shuppert and Charlie Brown. Wilma Jo Kile was absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Paul Barada, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.
- Minutes:** Minutes of December 12, 2000 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve minutes. Coons seconded. Motion carried.
- Reports:** Mathews reported starting the New Year budget but still need to watch spending closely.
- At this time there has not been any changes in personnel. Next month hopes to start taking applications for summer help.
- Have been remodeling the Parks building and added a wall for a new office.
- Asked permission to sponsor a Valentines Dance for the 7th and 8th graders of Benjamin Rush Middle School on Friday February 9th from 6-9PM. Kevin Green will DJ and light refreshments will be served. The cost will be minimal at around \$250 at the most. The board felt this was good and gave him permission to do this. Mathews then stated that those who would like to chaperone he would appreciate it.
- Reported on his OSHA inspection at the Parks building stating he was only in violation for one thing. Needed to wire a permanent electric outlet and has fixed that problem.
- Claims:** Shuppert and Coons reviewed claims prior to the meeting. Coons moved to approve the claims for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business:** **Friends of the Park Award** – Sharpe presented the board with an award she put together similar to the one Gridley prepared. The board approved. It was decided to give the first Friend of the Park Award to Bailey’s True Value as they have donated a lot of paint to the parks department. The board decided to also give an award to Jeff and Kathy Levins for the donation of the flowers last summer. Sharpe will get these prepared and set up photo ops and award presentations.
- Pool Winterization Engineering Study** – Mathews informed the board that he added two more heat lamps when the temperatures got down around zero and it raised the temp around 50 degrees. Due to the warmer weather the temperature has been staying around 70 degrees. Mathews stated he has taken every precaution not to let this freeze this winter.
- The board thanked Mathews for his actions and that it was very much appreciated.
- Shuppert asked what the cost was to run the heat lamps. Mathews stated he is not sure at this time but would check the figures.
- Shuppert requested that we hold off on doing an engineering study until it warms up, get the lid off and get some facts and figures. He feels we can take care of this problem.
- Coons asked if the concrete footer still needed to be poured. Mathews stated we will hold off on the concrete footer right now, what we have up now is doing ok with the extra heat lamps.
- Harmon again stated he appreciates everyone’s help and stated its also nice having an engineer on the board.
- New Business:** **Dates for Future Meetings** – It was decided to hold the meeting dates on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers unless directed otherwise. A list of dates was sent with each agenda. One correction on May’s meeting date. Was changed from May 15th to May 8th.
- Parks Board Members Contact List** – A list was prepared of board members phone numbers and email addresses. Sharpe will prepare this and get to all members with minutes.

Items not known in advance:

Coons thanked Danny, Donnie and Eddie on all the hard work on the ice rink. He has seen families using the ice rink and has even seen some hockey sticks being used too. Once again this shows if we offer something in our parks, people will make it work.

Mathews thanked Shuppert for helping with the OSHA inspection. Has appreciated all his help.

Sharpe reported that for the most part the Master Plan is typed. Just needs to put it together and will do that and get a copy to all board members by next meeting. Harmon asked Sharpe to put that on February's agenda.

Mathews stated that Sweets Landscaping put in 15 new trees throughout North Veterans Memorial Park and that they are really nice. He also reported that the Optimist Club donated 7-10 small trees that he has planted in Community Park.

It was then discussed to check the conditions of bridges throughout North and South Veterans Memorial Park when the weather conditions permit.

Harmon welcomed Charlie Brown to the board replacing John Gridley. It was announced that Tracey Phillips will be replacing Roy Bartlett.

Harmon thanked George Coons for returning to the board for another four-year term.

Certificates of appointments were then signed.

The next meeting date was set for February 13th.

There being no further business, Shuppert moved to adjourn. Brown seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JACK HARMON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE COONS, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

TRACEY PHILLIPS, MEMBER

CHARLIE BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY