

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
6:15 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville.

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were James Zachery, Dave Malson and Paul Barada. Aaron Gurley was absent.

Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Mike Pavey, Attorney Tracy Newhouse and Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier.

Approval of Minutes – Barada moved to approve minutes for September. Malson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims Approval – Malson and Zachery reviewed claims prior to meeting. Malson moved to approve the claims for the month. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Mayor's Reports -

Mayor Pavey apologized to the Parks Board for not including the Parks Board in the Ribbon Cutting at the Amphitheater Bridge with the FIT Walk Group. This was an oversight on his part.

Mayor Pavey reported budget meetings start tomorrow. He feels comfortable with it. The budget process has been different this year. Didn't know what the numbers were until Clerk-Treasurer got them back. Each department has gone through their budget and feels we have workable numbers.

If the Parks Board would like to join the budget meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., you are more than welcome.

Mayor Pavey said we need to grow taxes. In order to do this we need to implement fees on services or grow the city. It's a simple formula. Tough to grow the city.

Mayor Pavey then explained the Coor Engineering bill. This bill will be taken out of the Non Reverting Fund. This was for three surveys to investigate the growth of the parks.

- 1) The first was to investigate a walking trail extension from the existing trail south of 15th Street north between outfield of the Council of Clubs Varsity Baseball diamond and Police Department fence north to 16th street. From there it would continue north to the nature trail. We are also considering an extension off this trail to connect to the Flatrock River Apartments.
- 2) A connection to the walking trail north of Conrad Harcourt Way to adjacent properties-North off the west side parking lot of Comfort Inn – out to the west end of trail. Another from the east end of the existing trail to the drive between the two Emerson facilities. This would allow the industries in the Industrial Park to have walking trails.
- 3) Extension of the south end of Harrison Street into Riverside Park

Pavey said himself, Parks Director Mathews and Street Commission Jemmy Miller met to see what makes the most sense.

The Board of Works is looking at the easements now. The School is good with it. Comfort Inn is good with it. This will allow a lot of connect ability.

Is a very inexpensive way to improve quality of life.

They have budgeted in Riverside Park a line item for culvert.

Mayor Pavey stated he will come back with a plan once the easements have been signed.

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Parks Director's Report -

Mathews stated he would like to purchase a new piece of playground equipment. It's an 18 foot long boat. Is 10-15 foot wide. Will set in North Veterans Memorial Park across from the Police Station. This piece of playground equipment cost \$3,700.00 and would like to take it out of Non Reverting.

Mathews stated that the Mayor is very supportive of this playground equipment purchase.

Barada moved to approve Mathews request to purchase a boat playground equipment at a cost of \$3,700.00. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Otte stated the Halloween Costume Parade is in a couple weeks. Sharpe is looking for volunteers. Also accepting donations.

Mathews stated it is at the Livestock Pavilion at the fairgrounds but down the road we may want to consider moving it to the Amphitheater so we can do hayrides.

Mathews reported Martin Jacobs donated a concrete dog.

If weather holds out the Street Department is hoping to have a Haunted Trail at the Amphitheater. The Street Department is also looking for volunteers and hopes to put something together for the next two Saturdays.

Reports from other Committees and Boards –

- 1) **James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team** – Gracie really appreciated being included in ribbon cutting. She also loves the trail at the Amphitheater. Zachery said he is leading a walk at 7:30 on the 30th in the cemetery for all those who would like to go.
- 1) **Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update** – Nothing at this time. Mathews did share with the board that last Friday the police arrested 2 boys after the football game for busting out spindles on the gazebo. The cameras are really making a difference. The new night vision makes it easy to identify individuals now.
- 2) **Aaron Gurley – Sunken Garden Update** – Due to Gurley's absence nothing reported other than the Sunken Garden has been filed with dirt.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) **Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Manager** – Otte asked the board if they are willing to rehire Rita Kaster as Pool Manager and Gina Dyer as Assistant Pool Manager for the 2013 Swim Season. Barada asked if everyone was satisfied with their overall job performance. Mathews stated he was not aware of any issues. Barada moved to rehire Rita Kaster as Pool Manager and Gina Dyer as Assistant Pool Manager for the 2013 Swim Season. Malson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL W. BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY