

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
6:15 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street. President Aaron Gurley called the meeting to order. Members present were: Will St. John, Sue Otte, James Zachery, Dave Malson and Paul Barada. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Tracy Newhouse, Pool Manager Rita Kaster, Assistant Pool Manager Gina Dyer, Park Liaison Brad Berkemeier and Frank Denzler of the Rushville Republican.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of January 14th was presented for approval. Otte moved to approve January 14th minutes. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims Approval – Claims reviewed prior to meeting by Otte and St. John. Otte moved to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Mayor's Report – None at this time.

Parks Liaison Berkemeier stated the Valentines Dance at BRMS that the Parks and Recreation Department sponsored was awesome. Mathews did a wonderful job!

Parks Director's Report – None at this time.

Reports from Other Committees & Boards –

James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team Update – Zachery stated F.I.T. is still working on ways to bring people to Rushville parks.

Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update – Will be making contact with last year's active members.

Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Update – Sharpe handed out the new Sponsor list and the Headliners for the summer concert series. June 21st – Dirty Deeds – Xtreme AC/DC, June 28th - Indiana Legend Carl Storie, July 12th - Southern Country, July 26th - The Purple Xperience, August 2nd - Satisfaction (The International Rolling Stones Show) and August 16th - The Romantics.

Unfinished Business – Pool Manager Rita Kaster was present. She stated she has been checking on applications. They are coming in but thinks we might need to push the Feb. 28th date back due to the weather and accept applications a little longer. Kaster then stated she would like to bring Gina Dyer back as Assistant Manager as her daughter will not be working at the pool this summer. Malson moved to hire Dyer as Assistant Pool Manager. Barada seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business –

Dog Park Info – Gurley stated he has been working with the Animal Control Warden on a fundraiser to bring in money for a Dog Park. Gurley stated he would like to see it in the East End Park but the Mayor is looking at Memorial Park where the old sunken garden was.

Barada said Memorial Park is for people. We need to have a larger park for dogs.

Malson stated he didn't think Memorial Park would be good for a Dog Park with people walking the fitness trail and walking dogs on fitness trail. Would be too close to the Dog Park. He said the East End Park is already fenced in.

Zachery stated he feels the East End Park would make more sense to him.

Further possibilities for the East End Park were discussed.

Barada also said the East End Park is on the edge of town and not in a residential district.

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Gurley stated he has talked to Sheila Berry and she is offering funds to help with the dog park from the Humane Society. Gurley stated he would like for her to be a part of our group.

Outdoor Movie Theater Info – Gurley stated the last few weeks he has been thinking about steps to bring more people to the parks. He has been talking to a group about an outdoor movie theater. We can rent one for \$3,500 or we can purchase a 20 x 11 foot screen and projector with support and tech for \$14,500. He has filed out a grant through Rush Shelby Energy asking for \$8,000. The deadline was February 7th but hasn't heard the results yet.

Gurley went on to say he did a poll on Facebook and had an overwhelming response of popularity. He don't intend for the movies to be free. He would like to charge \$1.00 to \$3.00 per kid per show. He would like to move the theater from one park to another so kids all over town can attend.

Barada stated there has to be millions of old movies out there we can get for nothing. Zachery stated if you charge admission you have to have a license as the schools charge \$4.00 per child per movie.

Gurley stated we could do "Theme" nights.

He would like to have a vendor sell popcorn.

Frank Denzler stated he DJ's dances and he packs the house at the K of C. If you have something for the kids they will come out. Parents drop kids off for a couple hours which give them free time.

Malson stated we need to wait to hear back from Rush Shelby Energy if we will even get any money before we talk any further.

Gurley stated we can also rent out equipment to other cities like Milroy to make money. Malson stated he wasn't sure we would want to rent our equipment out.

Zachery suggested getting Sponsors to sponsor the movie then it could be free to kids.

Gurley stated he was even considering pool parties/movie nights.

After further discussion it was decided to wait and see if we get the grant money first.

Sharpe asked Malson to come to City Hall to sign his Certificate of Appointment.

There being no further business, Barada moved to adjourn. Malson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

AARON GURLEY, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT

SUE OTTE, MEMBER

DAVID A. MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY