

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
6:15 P.M.

The Parks & 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: Sue Otte, James Zachery, Dave Malson and Paul Barada. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Pool Manager Rita Kaster.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of February 11, 2014 was presented for approval. Barada moved to approve February 11th minutes. Malson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims Approval – Reviewed prior to meeting by Malson and Barada. Malson made a motion to approve claims for the month. Barada seconded he motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Mayor's Report – None at this time.

Parks Director's Report – Mathews reported the covered bridge at South Veterans Memorial Park has been vandalized and the side tore out of it. The gazebo also has a large amount of damage to it too with nineteen spindles torn out of it. The insurance adjustor came last Friday and they are going to be able to help cover the damage. Malson stated maybe we shouldn't replace these items for the kids to just tear up again. Mathews stated he felt the same way but since the insurance was going to help replace, he thinks we should go ahead and replace this time.

Mathews stated the damage this time is around \$3,500.

Mathews stated we tried to put Rush County in the parks making that bridge look like the Moscow Bridge and he finds this heartbreaking that kids want to keep destroying things in the park.

Pool Manager Kaster suggested putting a reward out there to catch the vandals.

Mathews stated he will check to see if we can do that.

Barada made a motion to recommend to Mayor Pavey a reward to anyone leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who vandalized park property in the amount of \$250.00 for the damage to the bridge and \$250.00 for the damage to the gazebo.

Malson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees & Boards –

James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team - Zachery reported F.I.T. is having a meeting tomorrow. The Fitness Initiative Team of Rush County, an action team of Partners for a Healthy Rush County, is planning a kick-off event for a community-wide fitness campaign. The F.I.T. Kickoff (the name may change as plans develop) will be on Saturday, August 16, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Rush County Fairgrounds. We are planning an event that will showcase the opportunities for physical activity and fitness education that is available for Rush County residents. We anticipant vendors, classes and activities in the area of indoor fitness, outdoor fitness and food/nutrition education. Plus, it should be a fun event for families and individuals.

Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update – None at this time.

Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Update – None at this time.

Unfinished Business- None at this time.

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New Business-

Elementary School Request – Sharpe read a letter from Anna Joe Richards PTG Treasurer from the Rushville Elementary School asking for a donation for their upcoming Family Fun Fest. This is their 3rd annual event and fundraiser and they are asking for pool passes. Zachery moved to donate two children’s pool pass to the PTG RES East and RES West. Otte seconded the motion. Motion carried. The pass is to say for a child 10 or over.

Dog Park Info – Gurley stated the Mayor has asked that we use movable fencing. Malson stated he thought we had already discussed using the fencing at Community Park.

Outdoor Movie Theater Info – Gurley stated he has been successful at getting a check from Rush Shelby Energy for \$8,500.00 to go towards the Outdoor Movie Theater. He is still short \$6,000 and asked to take it out of the Non Reverting Fund. Barada moved to take the \$6,000 out of the Non-Reverting. Sharpe passed out an email from the Clerk-Treasurer stating the current balance in the non-reverting fund is \$25,334.00. The budget for 2014 is \$72,000.00. We still owe the \$8,500.00 towards the ball diamond concession stand/bathroom as well as possible pool repairs. She went on to say she does not oppose the purchase of the theater she is just concerned that the funds will be available. After a somewhat lengthy and somewhat heated discussion Gurley stated if he is not given the money from the Non Reverting fund tonight he will probably give the money back to Rush Shelby Energy. He has taken on a new job and does not have the time to dedicate to this as he used to. Malson stated with taking the extra money out of Non Reverting for the baseball concession/restrooms and for pool repairs he hates to take more money out of the Non Reverting. After further discussion and due to the fact that Gurley has acquired a new job it was decided Gurley wants the money given back before he leaves.

Items Not Known In Advance – Otte invited the board to Love Your Library Rendezvous. Smooth Music, Sweet Treats, Silent Auction, Friday March 14th 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Rushville Elks. \$20/Single \$35/Couple all proceeds from the evening go to our capital campaign “It’s Overdue, Renew” in support of raising money to improve/expand the Rushville Public Library. Donations welcome.

There being no further business, Malson moved to adjourn. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 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