

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007
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 David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert and Jan Voiles. Jack Harmon and Denny Corn were absent. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Attorney Julie Newhouse.

Minutes: Minutes of March 13, 2007 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve minutes for the month. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Pool Manager Anita Carfield was not present but asked that the following be reported:
Lifeguard training starts this month.
Three pool parties have been scheduled already.
Questioning the Pool Pass Forms that she passed out at the last meeting. Sharpe stated that Newhouse would like them to also say: *I understand that improper use of this pass may result in confiscation of the pass.* Newhouse would like this sentence to be above the signature.
Kile stated she feels these forms are a good thing and will take care of a lot of problems.

Mathews thanked those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and passing out the hats.

The handicapped playground equipment has been ordered and should arrive in 6-8 weeks. He is very excited about this.

Discussed the old concession stand at Community Park. Mathews is leaning towards taking it out. The Youth Football league is not using the field this year. They left items such as ice maker and chest freezer both which works.
Shuppert suggested other ball leagues using them. Mathews will check with other leagues to see if they have a use for them.
Mathews feels this is a nice shelter but has been used by the homeless and is always the target for graffiti.
Kile told Mathews to take the concession stand out.

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

Unfinished Business:
Larry Conover – Park Restaurant – Reported he has met with Bill Todd and they are getting things squared away. The new back part is 90% complete. They got the kitchen straightened out. It was a mess. It should be good for several more years now. Things are good now.
They put in a 600 amp service instead of a 400 amp wiring, put in all new plumbing and a new patio. This should all be done by next month.
Conover asked permission to do landscaping to make restaurant and park prettier. Just spruce things up. Parks Board asked him to bring his ideas back to the board.
Conover said that since the restaurant has went smoke free there are more families coming and eating. Now instead of just the husbands eating they are bringing their wife's and kids and grandmas and grandpas which is also good for the parks.

Mathews questioned Conover on the fitness trail. When the big trucks came in to do the work on the restaurant they busted some edges. Conover assured Mathews that he will get with Gene Stanley and get it fixed.

Discuss Ball League Information/Leases – Sharpe reported that the Men's Softball League came in today and paid Security Deposit and Maintenance Fee and is just waiting on proof of insurance now.
Rush County School have signed paperwork and showed proof of insurance and paid \$1.00 Security Deposit and they will be showing receipts for painting the ball diamond which will go towards their maintenance fee.
Rush County T-Ball - waiting on them to take care of everything. They are in the process of sign ups.
Rush County Girl's Softball League – Signed paperwork and paid their \$1.00 Security Deposit and provided proof of insurance.
Rush County Youth Softball – Signed paperwork and paid their \$1.00 Security Deposit and showed proof of insurance. They are the only ones that have provided a list of officers.
Rush County Youth Football League – Choose not to participate this year.

Discuss Windows at Booker T. – Sharpe reported that Corn brought in specs today. He would like them to say:

- 1) Repair or replace all frames with water resistant lumber.
- 2) Replace wooden sash with a water resistant frame.
- 3) Install new ¾” glass.
- 4) Prime all new lumber.

Or Alternate:

- 1) Replace all wood sills
- 2) Install new complete windows with a wooden sash covered with vinyl or aluminum.
- 3) Cover all exposed frames with aluminum.

Shuppert questioned the ¾” glass thickness.

Kile feels we need to submit for new bids as old bids are outdated.

Specs need to include storm windows.

Sharpe will prepare specs and send to Historic Landmarks for their approval then resend to old bidders plus Andersen Windows.

Update – RCCF Grant Application/Handicapped Playground Equipment – Mathews shared with the board that the Rush County Community Foundation approved \$10,000 for handicap playground equipment which will be put on the old tennis courts by the shelter house. The equipment has been ordered and should be here in 6-8 weeks.

Kile asked how much this equipment cost. Mathews stated around \$24,000. He received \$10,000 from the RCCF and ARC has offered to donate as well. Mathews stated he will take the rest out of his budget as he rolled the money over last year.

Shuppert questioned handicap restrooms. Mathews stated the restrooms there are handicap assessable but will have to put a cement slab in to them.

New Business: Corn asked Sharpe to report that Bruce Davis fixed the water leak this winter at the pool. He would like the water meter moved to outside in a pit or a valve so the water will drain out. This will help from freezing over the winter.

Mathews reported the meter base is inside the chemical room and has been there forever but that it did freeze this winter even with a heater on.

Mathews will check with Corn to see what he is wanting and will also check with the Utilities.

Items Not Known In Advance:

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

DAVID HASECUSTER, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

DENNY CORN, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY