

**SPECIAL PARKS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013
6:15 P.M.**

The Park and Recreation Board met for a Special Meeting on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street. President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Aaron Gurley, Will St. John, Dave Malson and Paul Barada. Also present was Parks Director Danny Matney, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Pool Manager Rita Kaster and Attorney Tracy Newhouse.

Minutes: Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 9th and Special Meeting on April 30th was presented for approval. Malson moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims: Gurley, St. John and Malson reviewed claims prior to meeting. Malson moved to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Mayor's Reports: In the Mayor's absence Sharpe reported the Mayor reviewed the Pool Policy and made his mark-ups. His suggestion is to add to it each year.

Parks Director's Report: Mathews reported that they are in desperate need of a Dolphin at the pool. A Dolphin is a sweeper that sweeps the dirt off the bottom of the pool. When they put the acid in it breaks all the particles loose and the Dolphin cleans that up. This is a vacuum on rollers. Mathews checked prices and just a regular Dolphin will run \$4,600.00. One with a jet spray on it will run \$5,777.77. This will come with a 2 year warranty. This is an expensive necessity. Malson made a motion to get the least expensive dolphin. Barada seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mathews said he will order it tomorrow and it should be here by the end of next week.

Reports from Other Committees and Boards:

Aaron Gurley – Kids Summer Camp Program - 1,409 Applications have been made and distributed to schools. Also has applications for pick up at Staggs. So far four people have turned in and paid to date.

Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update - Gurley stated several different members have logged 27 ½ hours.

Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Report – Sharpe reported Sponsorship has been great this year. We received \$1,563 from the Rush County Community Foundation for a Music for Rush County Grant. Street Department has put in new sidewalk from the brick walk to the restrooms for handicap accessibility, thanks to ARC, Street Department put in a new road to Harrison

Street for traffic and put in a new cement pad at the VIP tent to accommodate more people. Things are moving right along, should prove to be a big and exciting concert season.

Sharpe invited all to attend the concert this coming Saturday.

Unfinished Business:

Pool Policy – In going over the Pool Policy/Rules the board decided to add:

No Alcohol on page 6. No Weapons, No Pets and We Have a Right to Refuse Anyone to Use our Facility.

Otte asked what the violation is if people violate the rules:

Kaster stated 1st violation – name is wrote down as an offense in book

2nd violation – violator has to set out 15 minutes

3rd violation – asked to leave for the day

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4th violation – evicted from pool grounds

The rules are to be posted at the pool. Give each employee a copy of the Pool Policy. Rules are to be listed at front counter, inside the pool and given out the beginning of the pool season.

If a person is evicted from the pool grounds and refuses to leave then call the Police.

Kaster stated she has expelled people for the season. This also needs to be added to the emergency plans.

If anyone is expelled. After the 3rd offence the person should be given the opportunity to request a hearing per Attorney Newhouse.

Otte asked that the Manager and Assistant Manager only be given an hour a day to change shifts. Neither one is to be at pool together unless at shift change to give each other a report.

Otte also stated that no students should be in charge of pool parties and that the Manager or Assistant Manager needs to be there during pool parties. An adult must be present.

No use of cell phones while working. No reading of books in concession stand. During break kids can use cell phones and read books but only on break time.

Kaster stated it also needs to be in the Pool Policy that each individual must be 48 inches tall to go down the slide. That being a State Law. Every person must pass a test to go off the diving board.

Mathews stated the Police need to contact the pool with weather reports. They can also get a free weather radio from Chuck Kemker.

Malson made a motion to approve the proposed rules for the Pool Policy Employee Handbook. Barada seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Malson stressed these are rules for everyone and that the Pool Policy must stay on premises.

New Business:

Kaster asked if her and her employees could have a car wash to raise funds for the pool.

The board gave their blessing to do a car wash.

Sharpe stated that Greg Hartwell, representing The Gathering, came into the Mayor's Office and is requesting the use of the Amphitheater on July 4th to have a picnic after the parade and have a Dunk Tank and a Bounce House. Sharpe will call insurance company on liability. Barada moved to approve the use of the Amphitheater on July 4th for a picnic, Dunk Tank and Bounce House. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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There being no further business, Barada moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Malson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID A. MALSON, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

JAMES ZACKERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY