

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012
6:15 P.M.**

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

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Paul Barada Sr., James Zachery and Will St. John. Dave Malson and Aaron Gurley were absent. Also present was: Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Attorney Tracy Newhouse.

Approval of Minutes: Barada moved to approve minutes for May 8, 2012 and Special Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2012. Zachery seconded motion. Both sets of minutes were approved.

Claims Approval: Barada and St. John reviewed claims. Barada moved to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Parks Director Report: Mathews reported:

- Greg Harcourt from Trane donated \$500. He is getting a quote for a swing and frame for Laughlin Park.
- Received \$356 from the Rush County Community Foundation Parks Grant to replace doors on restrooms in South Veterans Memorial Park.
- Parks Patrol has started. 12 days into it. Logged 17 hours so far. John Smith was present and stated him and his wife has logged 10 hours and gave a report as to what they have seen. Improper activity he's seen include: rock throwing at sunken gardens by 10 year old, bike on gazebo by 13 year old, 10 year old climbing on gazebo railing and man with kids and large dogs not on leash in sunken garden area.
- Relay for Life next month.
- Busy mowing yards.

Reports from Other Committees & Boards:

In Pool Manager Rita Kaster's absence, Mathews reported the pool is up and going. Swim count was down last week due to cool weather. Aerobics has started. Otte asked that she be present with her report at the next meeting.

James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team – Working on Walk Abouts. 25 people have been walking so far. The Mayor is to lead a walk at the Amphitheater. They are doing Walk and Talks and Discovery Walks. This week they walked down Main Street. Did one walk in cemeteries.

Mathews stated Gracie Marlatt is doing a very good job with these walks and this program.

New Business:

Discuss Hiring Flower Lady for Parks – Mathews asked for approval to hire Tina Rhodes 20-25 hours a week to maintain flower gardens in each and every park. He would like to hire her at \$8.00 an hour.

Barada moved to approve the hire of Tina Rhodes as Caretaker/Flower Lady to work on flower beds 20-25 hours a week at \$8.00 an hour. St. John seconded motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rhodes will start tomorrow.

Unfinished Business:

St. John stated he knows we need a new ball facility but felt we are defeating the purpose by not shutting down the roads around ball diamonds.

Barada stated people drive down there way too fast.

Mathews stated what they have done is a start. The Street department has good intentions to get down there and finish the walk way.

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St. John then questioned Mathews about the gravel situation at ball diamonds. Mathews stated he had his say with Pete McCorkle as it was his understanding that the Parks Non Reverting was to pay half of the gravel, up to \$500. The ball league had their gravel donated and Mathews was told he had to pay the rest. Zachery stated the gravel was to be split. If gravel cost \$400 then Parks Department would pay \$200. Mathews stated he paid for the gravel out of his budget and feels they should have split it with him.

Mathews stated him and Sharpe have applied for another grant to resurface the fitness trail.

Mathews also reported he has received \$100 from the High School Key Club.

Sharpe reported things happening at the Amphitheater:

- * Biggest crowd ever at the last Led Zeppelin Tribute Band concert. Great weather and lots of people.
- * Next concert is Saturday, June 23 and will be a Tom Petty Tribute band.
- * Street Department put in new access/gravel road.
- * Road name contest was a success with new road names at Amphitheater.
- * New shed built by Street Department.
- * Street Department built two new open shelters.
- * Brick drive almost complete.
- * Gates put on dumpster.
- * Invited everyone to the next concert.

Barada asked if we could request Police presence during ball games. St. John said we just need to slow traffic down or keep it out.

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

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA SR., VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY