

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2007
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by President Curt Stepanek.
- 2) Roll Call: Members Present: Curt Stepanek, Lisa Bjork, Dale Berg, Brian Flynn, Tony Kovach
Absent: Audrey Stowell, Bob Hoekstra.

Staff Present: Dick Hebert, Bill Faherty, Jennifer London, Chuck Cyr, Adolph, Terry, Kevin.
- 3) Approval of July 10, 2007 , Minutes: Motion by Brian Flynn, seconded by Curt Stepanek, all present voting aye, to approve minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting.
- 4) Personal Appearances by Citizens. None.

A) Election of Officers. President Curt Stepanek, Vice President Lisa Bjork, Secretary Audrey Stowell.
- 5) Planning:
 - A. New Artifact/Gift Shop Building In Irvine Park. The railroad is disposing of old railroad ties. We will be trying to acquire some to use underneath Little Dinky when he is moved. Possibly moved by this fall depending on site preparation.
 - B. Increase Parking at Irvine Park. New slots by bear display, by schoolhouse (1 handicap front of pavilion will be removed and replaced by additional parking slots., as they are too close to the road, anchored in cement and there are safety issues with how close to the road they are.
- 6) Decisions:
 - A. Approve/Discuss Casper Park Open Shelter at Leinenkugel's Softball Complex. The project is still on hold as funding is not available to complete. It is not known when funds will be available to complete.
 - B. Approve/Discuss next Phase on Cougar Exhibit. Bohl & Proux plumbing is giving an estimate on completing water access inside. 75K is needed for outside finishing (i.e. netting, themescapes etc.). Zoo Society will be donating an additional 10K.
 - C. Approve/Discuss Recycling Program in Parks. The City of Chippewa Falls is in the process of rebidding their recycling contract. When this is done, we can address working with the new company.
- 7) Information:
 - A. Committee Reports:
 1. Friends of Irvine Park Zoo. No notification of meeting. Bill contacted their treasurer Lori and she said we will be receiving approximately \$10K from brick sales. The group will no longer be selling the \$50 red bricks. Instead they will be selling \$100 granite bricks in a comparable size.
 2. Evaluation of Irvine Park Annual Celebration July 6,7, & 8. The celebration has left us at a loss of approx: \$8K. Biggest expenses were the bands and stage. \$1400 was raised from sponsors by Dale Berg. The walk/run yielded a profit of \$1K. Rides yielded a profit of \$1600K. \$550 profit from craft show. The donations from Frenette Concessions and Lions Club are not yet in. Discussion was made by the group that for next year a sponsor should be found for the fireworks display, no activities on Sunday and we need to actively seek out some major sponsors.
 - B. Staff Reports:
 - 1) Recreation Programming Report. The pool will be closing on August 26, 2007. Fall soccer has about 350 registered. U14 has less enrollment due to a "new" group/league started by some parents. This is

not a school league.

Adult softball league - deadline for registration is Friday August 17, 2007.

2. Irvine Park Zoo Updates. Jennifer reported that we have 1 new baby elk and 1 bison born since last meeting. 4 cougar cubs were removed this week. 1 pregnant Capuchin monkey. We have had one cow with calf and 1 male elk die since last meeting.

3. Park Projects. Chuck reported that crews have been busy doing shouldering work along the newly paved roads.. They have also been busy seeding around the new shelters on Flag Hill and Bear Den Drive. Work continues on the cat display when possible. The pool will be painted/coated after closing.

4. Personnel Updates. Seasonal employees are already starting to leave. Union contract meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8/15/07 at 1:00 p.m.

5. On-Line Registration Program. Great results so far. Ease in running reports and less work if being required as was predicted.

C. Donations.

See attached sheets. Casper Concession report, Pool report and donations.

D. Board Member comments or concerns.

The list of sponsors that were accidentally left off of the sponsor banners has been located. We will send them a thank you letter and submit a letter to the editor with their names also for more recognition.

Special mention to Dale for his hard work on soliciting sponsors. Special mention also to Dale and Dick's sons for helping so much at the celebration.

8) Approve Claims. Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Tony Kovach, all present voting aye, to approve claims of \$37,390.91.

9) Adjournment. Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Brian Flynn, all present voting aye, to adjourn.

Submitted by : L. Bjork