

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
5:45 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by Curt Stepanek
Roll Call: Members Present: Curt Stepanek, Beth Arneberg, Heidi Hoekstra, Dale Berg, and Carmen Muenich. Absent: Audrey Stowell and Susan Zukowski. Staff present: Dick Hebert, Bill Faherty, Terry Johnson & Chuck Cyr.
- 2) Approval of August 11, 2009, Minutes: **Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Curt Stepanek, all present voting aye, to approve minutes of the August 11, 2009, meeting.**
- 3) Personal Appearances: None.
- 4) Communications: The Leinenkugel Brewing Company, has organized a Duncan Creek clean up day on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00-12:00noon. The Chief Operating Officer of Miller Brewing will be in attendance. Bill Faherty invited the Park Board to attend.
- 5) Discuss/consider Security Systems for Zoo & Parks: The Park Board would like Bill Faherty to meet with a local Security Company to obtain specific specifications to put out for bid the purchase of a security system at Irvine & Marshall Parks.
- 6) Update on Current Projects:
 - a. Canine Leisure Area- Dog Swim. The Dog Swim which was held at the Outdoor Pool on Monday, August 24 was very successful. There were approximately 50 dogs that participated. The money raised from the event will go toward the new Canine Leisure Area.
 - b. Bobcat Exhibit Phase 2. The Dept. is waiting on a donation from the Remington Estate before the Bobcat Exhibit can be completed.
 - c. Purchase of Land at Casper Park. Bill Faherty received state & federal permission to start negotiating the possible purchase of Land next to Casper Park. **Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Carmen Muenich, all present voting aye, to give Bill Faherty the authority to start the negotiating process to purchase the Land next to Casper Park for DNR Grant procedures and requirements.**
 - d. Facility Regulations and Policies. Bill Faherty will continue to get feedback from the Park Board and Dept. Staff in regards to changes to the Park Facility Regulations and Policies.
- 7) 2010 Budget. The Park Board will discuss adjusting the activity fees and rentals beginning with the 2010 Spring programs.
- 8) Donation Fund Report. The Donation Report that was distributed to the Park Board was discussed.
- 9) Discuss/consider Recreation Program report.
 - a. Outdoor Swimming Pool. The 2009 Outdoor Pool report was discussed. The Park Boards briefly discussed cost saving ideas for next year.
 - b. Fall Activities. The Fall Youth Soccer games will begin on Saturday, September 12th. The Fall Adult Softball Leagues have been running for three leagues.

There is a Men's Slowpitch League on Tuesday nights and a Co-ed League on Wednesday nights. The Fall Youth Swimming Lessons and Tumbling Gymnastics programs will be held at the Middle School, on Saturday mornings beginning in October.

10) Discuss/consider Personnel Report. Bill reports that there is only one seasonal employee who is still working maintenance in Irvine and Casper Park.

Dale Berg left at this time.

11) Discuss/consider Friends of Irvine Park Zoo Report. No report.

12) Discuss/consider Parks Maintenance Report.

- a. Irvine Park. The Staff finished the shelter near the front entrance of Irvine Park. The Outdoor Pool is being closed down for the summer.
- b. Casper Park. The Staff is getting Casper Park ready for the Youth Soccer games that start on September 12.
- c. Neighborhood Parks. The Board discussed again the possibility of selling a couple of the Neighborhood Parks. There a few of the Neighborhood Parks that are run down and need better maintenance.

13) Discuss/Consider Board Member comments or concerns. Carmen Muenich mentioned that the Bear Den Road has not been opened on a few of the weekends. Bill Faherty will make sure it is open. The Park Board discussed the north end of Irvine Park **Motion by Carmin Muenich, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to instruct Bill Faherty to investigate the possibility of creating a preservation policy and or proclamation to insure there is no future development in the north end of Irvine Park.**

14) Approve Claims. **Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Beth Arneberg, all present voting aye, to approve claims of \$39,440.12.**

15) Adjournment. **Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to adjourn.**

Submitted by:

Richard Hebert, Recreation Supervisor