

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999
6:30 P.M.

- Call to Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President John Gridley called the meeting to order. Parks Board Members present were Roy Bartlett, George Coons, Wilma Jo Kile and Jack Harmon. Greg Raike was absent. Also present was Buck Gray, Parks Director; Ron Wilson, Attorney; Sharon Bostic, Mayor; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Morgan Markoe, Bonar; Jim Jones, R. L. Turner; Charles Brown, Citizen, and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*.
- Minutes:** Minutes of September 1, 1999 and September 20, 1999 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve minutes of September 1st and 20th, 1999. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.
- Reports:** Morgan Markoe, Bonar, was present and stated the pool is progressing very well. He reported that there was a couple of items still doing pricing on and doesn't have approved pricing yet. Some items that weren't in the construction documents were light switches \$561, exterior hose bib \$653 and that it was noted on drawings that they did not include epoxy paint in the shower room area of the locker rooms and that will be \$600 more. Markoe stated that was very important and went ahead and authorized that change. The mechanical room door only opened at a 70-degree reverse swing of the door, which needed to be changed adding \$610. These are all the change orders to date.
- The good news is the electrical contractor and local utility needs to change the transformer locations to pole mounted verses ground mounted. The utilities prefer a pole mounted and they have reached an agreement, which is \$2,805 in our favor.
- Markoe then stated that he has gone over and approved for payment Application Payment #3 for \$198,473.40 leaving the balance to finish including the retainage of \$740,604.70, indicating they are around 38% complete. Coons moved to approve claim application Payment #3, Kile seconded. Motion carried.
- Mayor Bostic stated that the color of the outside of the building is blue and she wanted it to be more of a green color. She said everyone else is satisfied with the color just didn't think that was the color they picked out. It is still pretty.
- Bostic reported that she had a discussion with Nesa Hensley of Cinergy on three light poles with lights. They have no intention or orders to put those up. They use three phase and were asking for one phase lighting. She did state that it would be more cost effective for us to own the lights. Markoe stated he would contact them tomorrow about this and get back with the board.
- Markoe stated that there is a difficulty in the design of the play feature, having trouble getting information from manufacturer as to exact pump requirements. Running up against a schedule as R. L. Turner needs to know shortly what type of pipe to put in the ground. Was told will get info fax to him tomorrow morning.
- Board asked Sharpe to get with Raike and see how the fundraising is going.
- Jim Jones, R. L. Turner stated that there were a few contract issues that needed to be discussed. There will be no change orders. These are just straight forward omissions with one of those being not dating the contract. There is also conflicting language on the retainage. Most of the issues deal with the retainage. Jones did report that the retainage is more than adequate for this job.
- Kile moved to approve contracts as amended with R. L. Turner Corporation for construction of the pool in the sum of \$1,230,940 and authorize the Parks Board President to execute the original contract in the Mayor's Office. Coons seconded. Motion carried.
- Sharpe will call Gridley when Markoe forwards signage sheet to her.
- Jones stated he needed to know if the new aquatic play station is a go. They needed their answer by the 8th of October and now it is the 12th. Board all felt this was a go. Gridley asked if the piping were put in could it be capped off if not used. Jones stated yes but would have pipes sticking up. Coons asked if play station was stopped do we go back to the mushroom play features. The board agreed yes they would go back to the mushrooms and water jet features.

Gray spoke on behalf of Raike in saying that he has a trump card and regardless if his fundraiser fails he has a card to play. Gray said he is confident that Raike is confident on fundraising.

Board again asked Sharpe to get ahold of Raike to see how fundraising is going.

Now back to colors for signage. Board picked out Typestyle "Univers 65" for the lettering on the sign. Board was leaning towards gray signs with white lettering. Mayor suggested leaving the color chart and have couple board members go to pool and check the colors out in the building. Interior and Exterior. Gridley and Kile will do this tomorrow at 5:00 P.M. and will get back with board on what was chosen.

New Business: Gridley stated he will be going to the County Council tomorrow morning and needed to know what to ask of them concerning this new park.

Mayor Bostic explained monies spent and LERRD credits for the Flatrock River Project. Board all felt that if the County didn't help out with the funding of this new park that it would be dead.

The board all agreed a pond is the best thing to start with.

We need to ask if County would leave the money that was earmarked for the Flatrock River Project

Bostic explained that this money is from a couple of years ago when soil was removed that had to be tested. If tested bad would be \$302,000 to remove. We gave that to them for that test. As it turned out the soil was good and didn't have to spend it.

The board felt Gridley should go to County Council and see if they are not opposed to spending \$120,000 on a pond.

Board all feels County should go half.

Gray asked if the board would be opposed to a 3-4 acre pond, as this could be more manageable. He stated it would still be a good-sized fishing pond. No paddle boats.

Kile stated that she thought it had to be a 5-6 acre pond to get grant monies.

Grant monies were questioned. Gray said 6 acres seems to be a minimum size, but that grant money is a qualifying process and never a guarantee.

Gray stated he just wanted to make sure everyone was comfortable with 3-4 acre pond and the board was.

Coons stated that if we are losing the Second Street fishing pond he feels we need this new pond.

Gridley stated that the equipment is here now to dig hole but that in 2-3 weeks they will be wrapping up and equipment gone. Would be cheaper to do now than for them to pull out of here and then come back.

Kile stated that yes this would be City property but feels that its only fair for County to contribute, as County will use the pond as well.

Just to do something nice is what we want to do for the community.

Bostic stated that if they are pulling out in 3-4 weeks we need to know soon if we can do this.

Kile stated that she feels comfortable to ask the County to leave their money and we'll do a pond when we can do it.

Bostic said if we are not ready before equipment leaves we'll just have to let them leave and attempt to do it later if we can.

Gray asked if County was going to bear any of the responsibility for maintenance of the new park and pond.

Bostic said "no" this would be City's responsibility.

Kile stated if we asked County to leave money and we didn't get a pond done we still could get a park.

Bostic stated that if County doesn't leave their money then there would be no pond.

Gray asked board, in next couple of weeks, to please sit down and write down ideas as to the use of this area. DNR is not present tonight because we really don't have any ideas and know what direction we are going. We need to get a better handle and feel on our desires and direction before they will come talk to us.

Gray stated we want this park to be totally different. Not like any other park we already have. Just jot down ideas and have practical ways to do these things.

There are a lot of great ways we can go, be creative.

Gridley stated he thinks we can make this a big attraction.

Charlie Brown came before the Parks Board to request the board to consider installing a Rollerblade Hockey Park and Skateboarding Park in Memorial Park by the Memorial Park Shelter House where the old tennis courts used to be. He would like to have 62 feet for hockey and the rest for the skateboarders.

Brown said he has talked to the Street Department and they think they can resurface that for around \$4,300.

Gray said he has talked to the skateboarding kids and their parents and none have gotten back with him yet.

Gridley questioned the noise of this and how it would effect the people that live across the street.

Brown stated no more noise than kids playing basketball.

Mayor Bostic stated that some kids parents have stated that they could build some ramps for the skateboard park.

Brown stated that he will swing a hammer if need be.

Gray felt the shelter house is extremely close but that it is the most logical area we have now to use.

Coons questioned the people renting the shelter house.

Brown said that this would be an enclosed fenced in area and feels that people will still rent the shelter house.

Gridley questioned this being an attractive nuisances and the liability end of this.

Brown said that there would be signs posted. Kids will have to wear kneepads, helmets and protective gear and yes there will have to be insurance premium to pay.

Bostic said that skateboarding is a spectator sport.

Gray asked if everyone here is in agreeance that this is a reasonable thing to do?

Gray also reported that he went to Valparaiso to look at their skate board park. Reported that they have lots of participation. He has seen their signage, no smoking, wear helmets and no profanity. There was smoking; profanity and some were not wearing helmets.

Gray said all things still exist, in spite of signage and good intentions.

Harmon said he thinks this is a good item for discussion but that we need to look at the cost and insurance end of it. He would love to see the parks get utilization but that this can't be resolved tonight.

Brown thanked the board and for letting him bring up the idea and stated he will get cost figures.

Gray said he would price some of these things as well and see if we can get people to spring for services.

Next item of business was the Renaming of Memorial Park. Gray stated there is no Resolution at this time. The Mayor received a call from a citizen wanting the rename Memorial Park the Roy "Bob" Waggoner Park. The City Council feels this should be a Parks Board matter.

Gray stated this was on the agenda but no one is here to make a request or remonstrate. Kile stated that Bob Waggoner was a great man but don't think we should rename something that's been there for a long time.

Gridley stated he don't see a problem with putting a tree with memorial of some sort.

Bob Waggoner was a great guy but that just feels a memorial of a tree would be a better way to recognize him.

Harmon felt that this should be requested at a board meeting if so desired.

Coons stated he didn't feel we should move fast on this.

Board felt that if someone came to meeting and demonstrated a need for this then it would be acted on at that time.

Bartlett stated that the new park would need a name.

Gridley felt that Memorial Park should be left the same and that the placing of different memorials would be appropriate.

Reports: Gray reported that there is one summer employee left for a week and half then down to just Eddy, Donnie and himself.

Old Business: Pool Claims – Claims were presented for: Bonar \$1,098.82 being 94% complete, Patriot Engineering \$110.00 and Patriot Engineering \$232.65. Harmon moved to approve these three claims. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Claims: Harmon and Coons reviewed claims prior to meeting. Coons moved to pay the monthly claims. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Coons seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 6:30 P.M.

JOHN GRIDLEY, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

ROY BARTLETT, MEMBER

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GREG RAIKE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY