

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2000
6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: The Parks and 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, Jack Harmon and Wilma Jo Kile. Greg Raike was absent. Also present were Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director; Paul Barada, Attorney; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Julie Hogsett, Chamber Director/ECDC; Mayor Bob Bridges; and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murry, *WRRC*.

Minutes: Minutes of January 13, 2000 was presented for approval. Coons moved to approve minutes. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Gray was not present at this time.
Gridley called on Julie Hogsett.
Hogsett handed out a Flatrock River Recreation Task Force list with the names that her and Gray had put together. She has talked to all those on list and all are coming to the brainstorming meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at noon in the back room of the Elks. Encouraged anyone interested to come.

Gridley stated we needed to approve this list of members for the Flatrock River Recreation Task Force. Kile moved to appoint said list for the Flatrock River Recreation Task Force to investigate the possibilities of a new park. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Hogsett read a press release that the Task Force used three years ago and their mission at the time.

Hogsett stated that she has talked to Eric Fry of ARa and he is faxing her information on potential grant monies available.

Hogsett questioned board if the Master Plan was updated. Board decided Master Plan was probably 5-6 years old and was decided to update the Master Plan soon as that is one of the tools we will need in acquiring monies.

Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director was present and read a report from Gray in his absence.

Gray asked the board to please accept his apology for not being present. He is taking some personal days.

Budget/Financial: As you can see as you review claims, purchases have been made for the Strantrol System 5 Controller with Data Modem (The Chemical Feed and Accountability System) and the Pulsar IV Chlorinating System. Both systems have been installed already. The computer has also been purchased and picked up but not yet installed.

Also on the financial end, we, along with Mayor Bridges and the Common Council will need to consider additional expenditures for the security lighting for the pool parking lot. Brad Whittaker has gotten with Cinergy's Engineering department to come up with a design and cost for 3 poles and lighting for each pole. Gray also contacted a secondary source for a second price quote. Obviously no decision can be made until we have received those estimates. They should be shortly forthcoming. A second part of this process is also the installation of 5 poles for our protective netting. The cost of the poles is set at between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Approximately between \$240.00-\$300.00 per pole then the price of the net must be added.

Reported that just last week sent off approximate dimensions for an estimated cost and they have not been returned as of yet. Asked the board to please give it some thought as to whether you feel one, both or neither of these items needs to be done.

Personnel: We have already received one quality resume for the Pool Management position. I expect at least two others soon. Plus several past lifeguards have reapplied, asking also to be considered for the job.

Also asked the board to be thinking about the next meeting hammering out pool prices, how we wish to handle passes and pool parties. Those should be established at least the end of March.

Rains also read a letter that his department received from D.O. Corn and Sons Inc. asking the Parks Department to please keep them in mind on any construction projects that the parks might have this summer. If any quotes are needed please call.

Coons stated that he has checked on pool parties with Shelbyville and feels that they are too expensive, charging \$250 a night.

Rains stated we need to consider how expensive it will be to run the pool this year since the pool is bigger and is heated when considering prices for parties and admission.

Gridley questioned the ice skating rink.

Coons stated he wanted to commend Buck, Donnie and Eddie for getting this thing in operation. When going by it has been in use and these guys have made it work.

Harmon stated he has got a lot of comments on the ice skating rink as well. The only negative comment is that Wal-Mart didn't stock up on ice skates.

Rains stated he would just like to find a permanent spot for it.

Harmon stated that on updating the Master Plan he feels we should be open minded and use forward thinking as a group and that with the different age groups using parks now that we need to change the usage's accordingly.

Rains asked for permission and stated that the curly slide needs to come down. The slide would never pass OSHA inspection.

Gridley asked what the cost would be to replace it.

Coons stated a bunch!

Gridley stated he thinks we should seriously look into tearing it down and get a new one in its place.

Harmon stated he agreed that we need to look at replacement costs but don't necessarily think that one should stay up until we get a new one. For liability purposes if bad we need to get it out of the park.

Barada stated that to release the City from potential liability if outdated and dangerous we need to remove it.

Kile stated that maybe we could raise money for a new one.

Gridley asked Rains to get prices on a new one to replace it.

Kile moved to do away with the curly slide. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Kile then stated that when it comes time to take the curly slide down to do a press release explaining why this is happening.

Harmon asked Rains and Gray to do an immediate assessment for safety on all the equipment in the park for the next meeting.

Harmon also shared with the board that when reviewing the Master Plan that we do an assessment of long range planning such as what we would like to accomplish in 3 years, 4 years and 5 years and if any help is needed to please ask.

Kile stated that when preparing the press release that we need to make it evident that there is no money available in the budget this year for a new curly slide and that we would love to have help to replace it.

Claims: Claims were reviewed prior to meeting by Kile and Harmon. Kile moved to approve claims for the month, along with a claim to Bonar Group for professional services from December 18, 1999 through January 7, 2000 in the amount of \$1,036.01, and also a bill from Patriot Engineering for construction materials testing services from December 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 in the amount of \$13.75. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: The slides laying in the park was questioned again. Rains stated that when he gets help putting them up he will. Mayor Bridges stated that he would either like the equipment put in ground or put up so kids won't get hurt with warm weather approaching. Harmon stated that they found a box of parts in the old boys/girls club that he bets goes to those slides and will get it to Rains. Rains assured board when he gets help it will be done.

New Business: Application and Certificate for Payment #7 to R. L. Turner was presented for approval in the amount of \$78,634.00. Harmon moved to approve Payment #7 to R. L. Turner. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Items Not Known In Advance:

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 14th.

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Coons seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JOHN GRIDLEY, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

ROY BARTLETT, MEMBER

GEORGE COONS, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

GREG RAIKE, MEMER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY