

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000
5:30 P.M.

Parks & Recreation Board Members John Gridley, George Coons, Greg Raike, and Wilma Jo Kile along with Common Council members Darrin McGowan, Bill Goins, Mike Pavey and Brian Sheehan; Morgan Markoe of Bonar; Brad Whittaker of R. L. Turner; Mayor Bridges and Debbie Alspaugh, Pool Manger; Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director; Danny Mathews; Paul Barada, Attorney; Bob Beeler, WKWH; Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican; and Tater Martz, Rush TV toured the swimming pool prior to the Parks Board meeting.

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 George Coons, Jack Harmon and Greg Raike. Roy Bartlett and Wilma Joe Kile were absent. Also present were Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director; Paul Barada, Attorney; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Bob Bridges, Mayor; Morgan Markoe, Bonar; Brad Whittaker, R. L. Turner; Jan Voiles, Rushville Republican; and Debbie Alspaugh, Pool Manager.

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

Old Business: Morgan Markoe, Bonar & Jim Jones, R. L. Turner – Discuss Pool Problems –

George Coons handed out a list of problems that were found at the pool. (See Attached Sheet) Each item was reviewed with Markoe assuring the board that all these problems would be checked out and corrected.

Markoe stated that he will be getting with R. L. Turner's group, do the final inspection once all is completed and do a final punch list, correct any problems that may exists and will give a list of all contractors to the board for further reference.

Tentative date for opening the pool is May 29th.

Markoe questioned a ribbon-cutting ceremony and stated that his firm would like to help coordinate this. Sharpe will work with Bonar and coordinate together this event.

Greg Raike brought up some concerns of the board. Markoe addresses the concerns.

It was decided to have the next meeting on May 9th at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers due to the Common Council meeting before the Parks Board. At this meeting we can go over any last minute items that needs to be corrected concerning the pool.

Markoe stated he feels we have a great facility. His firm will meet all contractual obligations and if any further issues arise, please let him know.

The board thanked Morgan and Brad for a fine facility and for keeping the lines of communications open.

The board stated they really appreciated it.

Approve Claim for Bonar – A claim for \$982.25 for professional services from January 8, 2000 to February 11, 2000 was presented for approval. Raike moved to pay Bonar's claim. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Pool Equipment and Punch List – Gridley stated that the punch list has been taken care of.

Gridley stated that after a phone vote was taken twice this month that five tables and chairs have been purchased for the pool, two microwaves, two crock pots and 30 stackable deck lounge chairs. These items totaled \$1,750.

Gridley stated the new curly slide is in and will be installed next week. They will be taking the old one down and installing the new one.

Rains reported that the other two slides are up now and that the busted slide in the park has been fixed.

Gridley suggested that the first opening day of the pool be free to all and call it "Raymond Gibson Day".

Mayor Bridges stated that he thought this was a good idea but not on the first day.

Alspaugh stated that she thinks we need to let the life guards get experience first and do it later on in the summer.

Rains reported that the Library is requesting, on July 11th, that evening to let children with library cards in free to the pool and have the parent's pay making this a family night.

Board agreed this would be ok.

Master Plan – Sharpe stated that she had contacted the Indiana Parks & Recreation requesting blank master plan forms and had mailed copies of what was sent to her to the park board members. Board felt that we would need a special meeting to review and update the Master Plan.

Raike stated that he would check further on different forms.

Introduce New Pool Manager – Debbie Alspaugh was introduced as the new Pool Manager. She stated that she is very happy to have the job. Wants to have activities at the pool such as Bingo, Water Aerobics, Diving Contests and other fun type activities.

She has spent a lot of time at the Greensburg pool and works with kids at the middle school and they are very excited about her position.

She stated she will set pretty high standards this year and that discipline will be a big issue. She would like to do written forms to record issues.

She will be attending pool training this Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Bridges stated that he feels the child and parent needs to sign the forms.

Rains stated that he would get with Alspaugh to look over applications for an Assistant.

Set Prices for Pool Admission – Pool prices were discussed at length. Raike moved to set fees at 5 years and under free, ages 6-17 \$1.25 and 18 and over \$2.50. Board decided to table the season passes until the Pool Manager and Parks Director can review.

Harmon stated he feels we should be competitive. With this kind of facility we have the right to upgrade our fees. People will expect the prices to go up and he feels this year is the year to do it.

Harmon asked to take action on single prices now and have Alspaugh and Parks Director set the season prices. Have Sharpe send price list a week before the next meeting for review.

Harmon seconded Raike's motion for the above pool prices. Motion carried.

Summer Enrichment Program for RCHS – Set Prices to Use Pool – Alspaugh and Parks Director will review this.

Claims: Claims were reviewed prior to meeting by Harmon and Raike. Harmon moved to approve claims for the month, Raike seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Mayor Bridges introduced Danny Mathews as the new Parks Director and stated that we are looking forward to working with him and that any help to him will be very helpful.

Danny thanked Mayor Bridges and stated that any advice will be appreciated.

Raike moved to accept Mayor's appointment of Danny Mathews as the new Parks Director. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews stated that he needs a lot of advice and assistance and is looking forward to working with Rains and stated he is excited about this new challenge.

Harmon thanked Rains for all his hard work after the sudden departure of Buck. His efforts and a fine job have been appreciated. THANKS! Donnie.

Jenny Colestock, President of the Woman's Softball League was present to ask who is responsible for the ball diamond North of the High School.

Her league is having troubles getting along with the Mens League President and she is in the process of getting donations to move them back to the Community Park ball diamond but there are several things wrong with this diamond. Rains asked what was wrong with that diamond.

Colestock stated the infield holds a lot of water, needs new ditching, really bad sink hole at 1st and 2nd base, needs new scoreboard, needs scoreboard box, no running water and sewage inside building.

Board asked why the problems exist with the other ball diamond and she stated the problem is Pete McCorkle. He thinks he owns the diamond.

Colestock stated she was just here to get advice as to the rules and regulations when it comes to this diamond. She feels that for years the woman's league has been cheated.

Barada questioned the lease agreement and ownership.

After board discussion the lease was never signed and the City owns the ball diamond.

Bridges felt that moving them back down to Community diamond would keep the vandalism down and that we would just need to get the field in usable shape.

Rains felt we could do away with the water spots in the infield with more lime.

Bridges stated that we could possibly eliminate the drainage problem in the fall and just get the diamond workable now.

Barada stated that he feels that the President of both men and woman's leagues needs to meet with the Director and a Parks Board Member and School Official to work out scheduling and resolve this conflict. The Parks Director was asked to work out something agreeable.

Colestock stated that in the mean time she is still going to work on getting the field ready for use. This year getting the infield fixed, the sinkhole taken care of, the score box fixed and 5-6 lights that are out taken care of.

Rains stated that there is water to the building just not inside the building.

Colestock stated that the fence meets regulations.

Raike stated that we have limited funds in the budget this year and told her to not forget about us when the season is over, to come back to the board and request money put in the budget for next year.

Colestock stated that would be no problem.

Raike stated that there has always been a conflict for years with these ball diamonds.

Harmon suggested having Barada look over a lease agreement.

Raike will attempt to work with Mathews and Ball League Presidents to resolve the problem.

Coons stated that he has talked to Markus Ellis concerning signs or a memorial for the designation of Veterans Memorial Park.

Raike questioned the material of the sign and stated he felt that this should be brought before the board to approve. Coons agreed.

Raike informed board that as of July 1st we would need to send a letter to the School Board for his replacement.

Raike then questioned the Non-Reverting Fund Ordinance. He stated that when McCane was Mayor the Council approved all the monies generated into the Parks Department be put in the Non-Reverting Fund.

Somehow the ordinance has been changed and monies from the pool are going into the General Fund.

Raike recommended that all funds generated at the pool goes back into the Non-Reverting Fund.

Barada recommended the Parks Board get on the next Council agenda to sponsor the ordinance on this.

Raike stated that this was changed back in August of 98.

Harmon stated he felt this was because of budget cuts.

Non-Reverting Fund Monies were discussed.

Raike will contact Byrne, Park Liaison, about the Non Reverting Fund Ordinance.

Hiring of employees for the Parks Department was discussed. Rains and Mathews will review applications and request that this be put on next Board of Works agenda.

There being no further business, Raike moved to adjourn the meeting. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

JOHN GRIDLEY, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

ROY BARTLETT, MEMBER

GEORGE COONS, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

GREG RAIKE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY