

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000
7:00 P.M.

- Call To Order:** The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President John Gridley called the meeting to order. Parks Board members present were George Coons, Jack Harmon, Roy Bartlett, and Greg Raike. Wilma Jo Kile was absent. Also present were Danny Mathews, Parks Director; Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director; Paul Barada, Attorney; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Bob Bridges, Mayor; Debbie Alspaugh, Pool Manager; Heidi Morris, Assistant Pool Manager; Pete McCorkle and Bob Lacy, representing the Men's Softball League.
- Minutes:** Minutes of April 11, 2000 was presented for approval. Harmon moved to approve minutes. Coons seconded. Motion carried.
- Reports:** Marc Ellis and Kevin Snyder were present requesting their desire to put a memorial monument in Veterans Memorial Park. Sketches were handed out for the board's review. Ellis stated that he has been working with Coons concerning signage for Veterans Memorial Park. They would like to see a sign appropriate for the 2000 Celebration now, then as a more long-term type project, a monument honoring all the vets. Ellis displayed a hat with a Rush County Salute 2000 Logo on it and stated that it would be appropriate for a temporary sign. Board agreed that this would be appropriate. Snyder stated that concerning the monument that funds may be available through the Lilly Gift if more monies become available or that maybe money can be contributed in honor of the vets. This is something that won't happen overnight, this will be long term. Snyder stated that with people coming into our town for the Rush County Salute 2000 Event that signage in the park would be nice. Harmon stated that he is certainly not opposed to any signs but that the monument he felt would need to be discussed further. Gridley stated that they have our blessing to put these signs up. Harmon stated that we would have to pursue the permanent monument.
- Pete McCorkle and Bob Lacy were present on behalf of the Men's Softball League and questioned the board about a letter Pete received from the Parks Director. Mathews discussed his reasoning for the letter. We had received a complaint from the Women's Softball League and felt that he needed to hear from all sides so a letter was sent to the Men's Softball, Women's Softball and the School's requesting all complaints be in written form and asked for the leagues financial responsibilities. Mathews stated that he feels that leases need to be reviewed and signed. Mathews stated he just wants to be fair to all and get all sides of the stories. McCorkle went on to tell the board of all the problems he has been having with the different leagues. Harmon again stated that things needed to be in writing and that this board will weigh all issues out and try to correct the problems.
- Lacy asked if lighting could be put in the budget for next year for the Men's Softball League. Gridley stated that the City pays the light bills and feels the leagues should be responsible for themselves in upgrading their equipment and maintaining the lights. Sharpe stated that in years past that lights have been in the budget and new lights were bought for some leagues and some old lights were given to others. Sharpe suggested them getting a price on the lights they want. Come back before the board and we can put it in the budget. This is no guarantee and that if budget cuts need to be made that will probably be something cut but at least we tried. Bridges asked if they considered leasing lights. Bridges also stated that through Public Service there are grants available for efficiency lighting and suggested they check into that.
- Danny Mathews then gave his reports at this time.
Budget/Financial – As of April 30th our budget projections and spending are well within the limits. This does not however take into account any cost over-runs which might occur as a result of the pool project being completed or items not previously budgeted for by the past administration. We do not anticipate any problems although we have no way of knowing at this time if the projections for the new pool were made correctly. He will attempt to keep these possible over-runs at a bare minimum and will make notes when trying to make up next years budget.
- Personnel – As of tonight he recommended to the Board of Works that we hire the following persons to fill the part time summer help: Keith Johnson, Jason Bowling and Wylie Coon. Chris Philpot was hired full-time to replace Wayne Craven. He stated this was a very difficult process and made every attempt to hire those men and women who he thought could best fit the jobs required of them. The part time help will be told to report to work on 22nd and their employment with the city will be for 12 weeks.

Facilities – The curly slide in Memorial Park is now up. Work was finished on the landscape around it. The past couple weeks we have been performing maintenance on the restroom in the parks and he was happy to report that the water has been turned on at all locations. We will continue to monitor the condition of the restroom as well as the shelter houses and make appropriate repairs as needed.

Programs – The main project is to get the new pool up and running.

Has also been informed by Carl Hilton, Extension Office that the Gardeners Club will be tending to the flowerbeds throughout the parks.

Other – This past week Donnie and himself attended a school in Plainfield on preventive maintenance for the new pool.

Sharpe discussed a few problems at the pool that had been brought to her attention. She was told that our diving board was only in 10 feet of water and that can't be, needs to be 12 feet. And also the guard's chair in the zero dept pool was too high for the guards to get down into due to the water being slow low there. Heidi Morris suggested that the chair be cut off a foot and half to make for accessible for guards to get down out of. Sharpe then shared with the board a letter from Morgan concerning these issues.

Sharpe shared with the board things that were shared to her by a lady that used to be the Parks Director in Shelbyville and she was involved in opening the new pool at Shelbyville.

Claims: Coons and Bartlett reviewed Claims prior to meeting. Bartlett moved to approve claims for the month of May. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe presented R. L. Turner's Payment Application for Payment #9 in the amount of \$17,442. Bartlett moved to approve R. L. Turner's Payment #9. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: **Master Plan** – Tabled at this time but all agreed to have a work session next Tuesday, 16th at 6:30 at the Council Chambers to discuss the Master Plan only. Sharpe will get in contact with the rest of the board members and inform them of this work session.

Discuss Questions from Pool Manager – Debbie Alspaugh presented a list of questions for the board's review and answers. Those questions taking a motion were as follows:

1. Lifeguard orientation night – May 18th – Jesse McCleese at the pool – Pay him a fee? Bartlett moved to pay Jesse McCleese \$50.00 fee for the orientation of our lifeguards. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.
2. Pool Prices – ages 0-17 will cost \$1.25 and a swim diaper will be provided if needed. Adults \$2.50
Bartlett moved to charge the above rates. Raike seconded. Motion carried.
3. Season Passes – Child Season Pass \$30.00
Adult Season Pass \$60.00
Family Season Pass \$90.00
Harmon moved to approve the above rates. Coons seconded. Motion carried.
4. Pool Parties – It was decided that four (4) guards should be available for each pool party and if a big party, more guards would be needed. Pool parties would be on Friday and Saturday nights only, at this time, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Raike moved to charge \$100.00 for pool parties with a two-hour minimum and that four (4) guards be on duty at all parties. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.
5. What dates and times are the high school planning on using the pool? Raike moved to charge the High School Summer Enrichment Program \$500.00 fee. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant Pool Manager Heidi Morris questioned the board about giving swim lessons, one on one, at the pool, as this has been done in the past. She is asking permission to use the pool to do this.

Raike stated that we need to ask the State Board of Accounts to see if this can happen. He feels the money should go through the City and the City pay her for her services.

New Business: Sharpe read a letter to the School Board requesting Greg Raike's replacement on the Parks Board. Raike will no longer be on the School Board therefore will no longer be on the Parks Board as of July. This letter is requesting the School Board to replace him with another School Board Member. Board agreed this letter was fine. Gridley signed letter and Sharpe will get the letter in the mail.

Alspaugh questioned the Library using the pool one-day and if it would be alright if kids get in free and parents would pay. Board all agreed this would be ok.

Sharpe stated again that the Dunn Center would like to have a gentleman do physical therapy at the pool. The board questioned if this can go on during the day when the pool is open or if they wanted this to be private. Alspaugh stated that she has a shortage of guards and she needs to evaluate her guard situation first as one guard would have to be at the pool during this time. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Discuss Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Ribbon Cutting was set for 1:00 P.M. on May 29th, 2000.

Sharpe handed out copies of invitations and flyers for the board's approval. Board reviewed and all in favor. Sharpe will get these prepared and get them sent out.

Raike thought it would be a good ideal if we would have something hanging at the pool explaining why this pool got the name of Waggener Community Pool and who Roy "Bob" Waggener was.

Sharpe agreed to work on this.

Alspaugh questioned those entering the pool after the ribbon cutting. She stated that no shoes are allowed on the pool deck due to health reasons.

It was decided to have a Work Session next Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 P.M. to work on the Master Plan only. Sharpe will get this set up.

Sharpe explained that Wal-Mart had called and that the tables and chairs that we had bought through them were not commercial and they didn't recommend them for our City swimming pool.

After a somewhat lengthy and heated discussion, Raike moved to purchase 4 picnic tables that seats 8 people at \$560.00 each, 1 picnic table for handicapped that is wheelchair accessible that seats 6 people with 5 umbrellas at \$75.00 each with wind vents from Recreation Supply Company. Also to purchase 25 lounge chairs after confirmation tomorrow with Mennards that they cannot deliver by the 29th, then to get the 25 lounge chairs from Recreation Supply @ \$155.00 each. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Bartlett moved to adjourn the meeting. Raike seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 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