

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001
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 Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were George Coons, Charlie Brown, Tracey Phillips and Wilma Jo Kile. Tim Shuppert was absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*.

Minutes: Minutes of May 22, 2001 was presented for approval. Brown moved to approve minutes. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

On behalf of the board we would like to extend our condolences to Tim Shuppert for the passing of his mother late last week.

Reports: Mathews reported that himself and Shuppert went after the last parks board meeting and looked at the shelter house. He feels that it is structurally sound, was well built when built. Feels that with new siding and roof it will be ok for years.

Mathews reported that the Entertainment in the Park would be July 8th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Veterans Memorial Park.

Received approval from the Council to purchase a lawn mower from Robbins Radiator Service at a price of \$6,299.95. The money is appropriated in the budget. Brown moved to approve the purchase of the lawn mower. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews reported that Tom Wainwright has rented the Community Park Shelter house for the next 9 weeks, every Sunday. He is going to do some repairs to the Community Park ball field at no cost to the City and is asking permission to do these repairs.

The list of repairs is as follows:

5th Street Softball Field:

1. Repair and Paint Fence
 - a. Replace bad fence and gates.
 - b. Replace fence on all of the backstops.
2. The Infield
 - a. Till and rake to grade.
 - b. Install new base stakes at 690 feet.
 - c. Move pitching rubber to 40 feet IHSAA ASA legal for female fast pitch.
3. Outfield
 - a. Roll as often as possible.
 - b. Install new foul line post with mesh on inside of the foul line.
4. Lights
 - a. Replace lights that are out, 1500 w quartz, Hoeing has 12 of the 22 that are out in stock, list price \$12.00 our cost \$10.00 each.
 - b. Adjust lights for all fields.
 - c. Move scoreboard to right center field.
5. All Other
 - a. Repair shelter house to keep people off the roof.
 - b. Replace grate in BBQ pit.
 - c. Make grates for windows in bathrooms.
 - d. Rebuild dugouts and lower the roofs.
 - e. Build new score booth.

They intend to ask for donations from the business community to offset most of the cost, hopefully 100%.

Estimated cost for all this at this time is \$4,000.00.

Mathews stated he is all for these repairs. He instructed Wainwright that once he starts to please complete the project.

Kile moved to let Tom Wainwright proceed with the renovations at the Community Park ball diamond. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Board felt that Tom Wainwright would be deserving of the Friend of the Park Award.

Mathews reported that Alspaugh would like to have a Free Swim at the pool again this year but didn't really care to have it on the 4th of July. Was extremely busy with the car show and there was no parking. The board gave Mathews permission to pick a day that best suits her and her staff.

Mathews reported that Iris Ramp, new Co-Manager is doing a great job. She keeps the pool staff going and they are earning their money.

Mathews handed out the Waggoner Community Pool Monthly Report for June 12, 2001, which gave the dates, attendance, admissions and concessions. Harmon asked if she could correlate the weather for the day on the monthly report.

Mathews stated that a child had vomited in the pool today; they had to close the pool for 20 minutes and back flush.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Brown and Coons. Brown moved to approve the claims for the month. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discuss Shelter House Proposals - Mathews informed the board that himself, Kile and Sharpe have put together a grant and have applied through the Rush County Community Foundation to cover a portion of remodeling the Veterans Memorial Park Shelter House. Kile stated she feels this will definitely benefit the whole community. The board moved to authorize Mathews to submit the grant application and to table this at this time and wait for the next meeting to see what we get from the Community Foundation. The balance of remodeling will come out of the Non-Reverting Fund.

Coons again stated that he will stick with his guns. He is not into patching up an old shelter.

Kile moved to proceed with the renovation of South Veterans Memorial Park Shelter House, go ahead and apply for the grant and revisit this next month and see what we can afford to do and what we will get from the Community Foundation and to place this item on the agenda for final disposition. Phillips seconded. There were 3 Yes and 1 No with Coons casting the only No vote.

The board shared with Mathews that the flower gardens are beautiful.

Harmon stated that he has talked to Barada concerning the Long Term Lease with the Rush County Girls Softball League. Sharpe will get a copy of a lease to Barada to prepare. Harmon apologized for the delay.

Harmon read a thank you letter from Big Brother/Big Sisters for the donation of swimming pool season passes for their "Bowl For Kids Sake". Was very much appreciated.

New Business: Brown shared with the board that he and some guys at the Fire Department are interested in doing swim laps at the pool for exercise. He stated that they would get someone to certify them as lifeguards so those won't be needed. If no one has a problem he will proceed and schedule days and times at the pool. Board felt this was great and to work it out with the staff at the pool.

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

JACK HARMON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE COONS, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

TRACEY PHILLIPS, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY