

PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Bridges presented a Proclamation to Greg Raike for his eight years of past service to the Parks and Recreation Board as he is leaving as a representative of the School Board. He will be replaced by Tim Shuppert. Mayor Bostic stated that he started with him on the board back in 1993 and hated that this is his final meeting. You have served us very well.

Raike stated that he has enjoyed his entire time on this board and wouldn't trade it for anything. Raike stated that Shuppert would do a wonderful job on this board.

Raike then thanked Parks Secretary Carla Sharpe for doing a wonderful job at the pool dedication but also through these 7-8 years and that she has been a backbone to this board. We've been through a lot. Again he thanked Sharpe from the bottom of his heart. Sharpe thanked Raike for his kind words.

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 Roy Bartlett, George Coons, Jack Harmon, Wilma Jo Kile and Greg Raike. Also present were Danny Mathews, Parks Director; Donnie Rains, Assistant Parks Director; Paul Barada, Attorney; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Mayor Bob Bridges; Debbie Alspaugh, Pool Manager; Heidi Morris, Assistant Pool Manager; Chuck McMichael, Head Lifeguard; Julie Hogsett, ECDC; Jenny Colestock, Woman's Softball League; Nanci Custer, Custer Electric; and Jim Jones of R. L. Turner.

Minutes: Minutes of May 9, 2000 was presented for approval. Harmon moved to approve minutes. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Julie Hogsett – FRP Park – Hogsett stated that herself and Mayor Bridges met with Suzanna Arvin of the DNR, after looking at the property behind Miller's where the new park would be Arvin thought that this was an ideal location for some type of recreational park.

Hogsett has put together a Citizen Leisure Survey, which will be distributed throughout the community with hopes they will be catered out to the community and in the paper soon. Copies of the survey were handed out to board members.

Kile stated that the Parks Board will be doing a survey too for the Master Plan and asked Hogsett if they could hand it out at the Chamber booth at the fair. She stated this relates to all parks in the City. Hogsett stated that would be fine, they would be glad to distribute anything.

Jenny Colestock, Woman's Softball League – Spoke to the board. She stated that the Woman's Softball League has started playing at the Community Park. She appreciates the work the Parks Department has done. Colestock has tilled up, rake and leveled the infield. The Street Department dumped the lime on it. The concession stand is ready. She's working on getting a new score board. She stated she was here today to ask for expense of the lights. She said they could ask for donations and also have sponsor fees but that it is hard to ask for more than you can get. Their biggest problem is the lights. She then said they would appreciate anything from this board.

Nanci Custer, Custer Electric then presented the board with packages concerning leasing of lights.

Proposed new lighting system for softball field on Ft. Wayne Road.

List below is two proposals that provide different levels of light.

1. 24 – Hubbell SLS-1500H-1X8, metal halide fixtures, with lamps.

2. 32 – Hubbell SLS-1500H-1X8, metal halide fixtures, with lamps.

Package #1 would lease for \$450.00 per month for 36 months.

Package #1 would lease for \$351.00 per month for 48 months.

Package #2 would lease for \$557.00 per month for 36 months.

Package #2 would lease for \$434.00 per month for 48 months.

*\$100.00 documentation fee added to above lease selected.

Price firm for 30 days, construction summer of 2000.

Proposed new lighting system for softball field at North Memorial Park.

List below is two proposals that provide different levels of light.

1. 36-Hubbell SLS-150H-1X8, metal halide fixtures, with lamps.

2. 44-Hubbell SLS-1500H-1X8, metal halide fixtures, with lamps.

Package #1 would lease for \$523.00 per month for 36 months.

Package #1 would lease for \$408.00 per month for 48 months.

Package #2 would lease for \$623.00 per month for 36 months.

Package #2 would lease for \$486.00 per month for 48 months.

*\$100.00 documentation fee added to above lease selected.

Price firm for 30 days, construction summer of 2000.

Gridley questioned the present electric bills. Custer stated that she did some research and Community Park runs around \$38.00 a month now and north Memorial Park runs around \$115.00 a month.

Custer also mentioned that as an incentive if we do both these ball diamonds at the same time they will pay the first lease payment on both diamonds.

Bartlett questioned the lighting at the football field. Custer stated they have the same type of fixtures.

Custer stated this package is attractive and will last for another 25 years. This package is what most their customers are going for. She stated that most places don't have the cash to lay out and that's why they choose the lease packages.

Barada asked what happens when the lease runs out.
Custer stated that the system is yours. They are based here and will service us here. We won't need a service agreement because they are local.

Gridley questioned the bulb cost. Custer said they run between \$50-\$60 dollars per bulb. Excellent life out of bulbs.

Raike moved to take this under advisement until next month allowing the Parks Director and Mayor to look over the budget. He also said this is a sizable amount of money and that we should also look at the cost of fixing our existing lighting. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Claims: Kile and Raike reviewed claims prior to meeting. Raike moved to approve claims for the month of June. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe presented a bill from Sweet's Landscaping in the amount of \$3,500.00. Gridley asked if that come from CEDIT monies or the Parks Board paid that. Sharpe was unsure. Kile moved to pay the claim, if it was necessary, out of the Parks. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe presented one bill from Sweet's Landscaping in the amount of \$940.00 for rock and bushes for the inside of the pool where the mulch was. Also presented was a bill to Sweet's Landscaping for \$225.00 for three statues to be placed inside the pool area for decoration. Kile moved to pay both these bills. Raike seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe presented a claim for R. L. Turner for payment #10 in the amount of \$37,802.00. Kile moved to pay R. L. Turner's Payment #10 in the amount of \$37,802.00. Raike seconded. Motion carried.

Heidi Morris, Assistant Pool Manager was present and informed Jones that all the showerheads were backwards. What was cold was hot and the hot was cold. Jim Jones of R. L. Turner stated that they would be there at 8:30 in morning to fix those problems. Donnie Rains stated that the concession stand had no hot water and the air conditioner needed readjusted. Jones assured the board that these things would be taken care of.

Raike had to leave the meeting at this time. Gridley thanked him for serving on the board and stated that he will be missed.

The board congratulated Heidi Morris for being crowned Miss Congeniality for the Rush County Fair.

Sharpe presented Change Order #3 from R. L. Turner for \$5,089.00.
Gridley stated that the water jets don't shoot high at all.
Jones stated he checked with Bonar, they ordered it, R. L. Turner put it in, not an adjustable system, don't know what can be done.
Gridley also stated he wished they had sanded the zero depth end all the way down to the deep end, as it is really slick at the bottom.
Jones stated that they made the surface a little rougher than specified. Did what it was called for.
Kile moved to approve change order #3 for \$5,089.00. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe presented Change Order #4 from R. L. Turner for \$24,021.00.
Harmon asked if these were spec changes or omissions.
Jones stated they were omissions.
Bartlett questioned if Bonar had been paid in full.
Board felt if not we shouldn't pay them.

Board asked Sharpe to check on that and if all money hasn't been paid to withhold payment for awhile until things are done properly.

Harmon stated that there has been a lot of tension the last two weeks with the pool opening late but wanted to share with the board that after he did some figuring there is only a 3% variance for the overall project. That's not bad from the original contract sum and only 4 change orders.

Bartlett moved to approve Change Order #4. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Master Plan – Kile has a couple things she needed changed or added to the survey. On the first page she would like something on there to ask if under age 18 or over so we can separate the kids from adults.

Board thanked Kile on a job well done on this survey and said to go with it. Kile stated that she felt a lot was accomplished at the Master Plan meeting. This survey may be picked up at the Mayor's Office and will be handed out at the Chamber booth and Fireworks booth at the Fair.

Pool Update – Pool Manager Debbie Alspaugh was present and stated she just needs to know what should be her decisions and what are the board's decisions.

Charlie Farthing, Morton Memorial has sent a letter requesting their school buy a family pass and bring 10-22 kids 2-3 times a week to swim.

Kile stated that if we do this for him then all the babysitters will want this to and feels we are opening up a can of worms. Board questioned why we are doing this when they have their own pool. Morris stated they have an indoor pool and ours is outdoors.

Kile again stated that if we don't do it for our City taxpayers then we shouldn't do it for out of town people.

Bartlett stated that he felt the same as Kile.

The Parks Board will write them a letter explaining why we can't do this for them and that how we have to treat all people fairly.

Alspaugh then requested to close the pool at 5:00 P.M. during fair week and on the 4th of July. This has been done in the past. Board gave their permission.

Gridley asked to have a Raymond Gibson Day at the Waggener Community Pool on the 4th of July and every person attending the pool that day get in free from 12 noon to 5:00 P.M. Board gave their permission.

Alspaugh stated that she has had five more guards to add to the guard pool that they are now certified.

Mayor Bridges felt that we should pay for half of the guards certified training through Jessie McCleese as he charges \$120.00 and due to us needing guards. It was agreed the Non Reverting Fund would pay for half of guards training to get certified.

Alspaugh reported that the Rushville Elementary School Summer Enrichment Program will be using the pool the last week of July and the first week of August.

The High School Summer School PE Classes would like to use the pool for two weeks in the morning from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Board agreed this was fine and to charge \$500.00 the same as the Summer Enrichment Program.

Sharpe again reminded the board of Dunn Center's request for pool therapy for one client. This man cannot afford to pay for this therapy. McMichael stated that a guard could probably volunteer one hour before the pool opens.

The board decided that if the insurance company feels that if a lifeguard volunteers their time without pay and there will be insurance coverage available then it would be okay. If insurance company will not cover this situation then this can't happen.

Sharpe will contact the insurance company on this.

Alspaugh stated that she has had tons of requests for swimming lessons. Rush County is without a (WSI) Water Safety Instructor to teach Red Cross lessons.

The guards are proposing one-on-one swim lessons to be taught by the guards on their own time. The guards have done this in the past.

Barada questioned liability.

Again Sharpe will check with the insurance company, if the insurance company covers the liability the board gave their permission for the guards to give one-on-one swim lessons.

Alspaugh said these would be half hour sessions and that there will be a fee of \$8.00. This money will be paid to the City and the City will pay the guard.

Alspaugh stated that since we are opening so late, do we need to refund any money or swim passes.

Bridges suggested giving those who have already purchased the season passes five \$1.00 concession stand bucks.

Board felt this was a great idea.

Alspaugh stated that McCleese has been here twice to do guard training and asked how she can get him payment. Sharpe stated that he needs to submit an invoice to City Hall and he will be paid.

Alspaugh then discussed the safety of the curly slide. She feels there should be an on-off button at the top of the slide.

Barada questioned the warranty of the slide. If this emergency shut off button is put on would it void the warranty. Alspaugh will check the slide warranty.

It was agreed to have a guard at the bottom and one at the top until this emergency button could be installed.

Bartlett stated he feels we should call the company and if they say it is okay to get a local electrician to install this emergency button then we will do it.

Alspaugh then said the staff wants the board's opinion on the diving well.

Mathews said he checked the blue book and we are within code and the board is at minimum.

Gridley stated that him and two Council members tried out the diving board and tried to hit bottom and didn't.

Board felt that signs should be put up showing where kids could dive. From the black line west-don't dive and from black line east-okay to dive.

Coons questioned a proficiency swim test to get into the deep area. Alspaugh stated yes they have to swim one full lap of the lap pool, down and back to past the test and qualifies them to get into the deep end.

Pool Parties will be at the pool management's own discretion from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Alspaugh stated that the pool would be opening Thursday. She said her staff is organized and excited.

Coons complimented Alspaugh and her staff.

Gridley asked how much the heater in the pool would be running. Alspaugh stated it's supposed to be on temperature. A guy is coming next Monday to train them on the use of the heater. The temp of the pool is supposed to be around 83 and now is 78-80.

Reports:

Budget/Financial – Mathews stated that his department appears to be within budget on all line items up to the end of May. They will continue to closely monitor the pool expenditures to ensure they remain within the limits or that we are able to transfer funds from other lines to offset any deficiencies that we had not anticipated.

Personnel – We hired one additional person to work in the concession stand.

Facilities – Going to replace the soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers in the pool. Brett Bateman from Hillard Products will install all the necessary equipment. This should save some money on these products. We are also looking into the affordability of placing toilet and paper towel dispensers in other parks restroom facilities.

Programs – The flower gardens are now in full bloom and look very nice. The Pool is near completion. Have been busy painting existing playground equipment. Getting ready to remove all the old child/infant swings and replace all of them with new ones.

Other – Mathews stated he would like to thank all board members for their support and patience with himself and his staff since he took over as Parks Director. He feels we have a very capable staff at the pool and in the parks and he feels that we can continue our high level of service that the citizens of Rushville have come to expect.

Mathews stated that he would like for all the keys to the pool be turned into the Parks Department.

Harmon stated that since the pool is behind in opening he realizes that everyone is acting in the best interest of the Parks. We are members of the Parks and Recreation Board serving the City of Rushville. We are all in this together and everyone means well but there are multiple decisions being made and multiple calls being made.

Harman said that his opinion is that Parks Board Members don't have a right to carry keys to the pool and have a right to enter the pool on off-hours. He realized everyone means well and we are under pressure with frustrations and that everyone is working hard and a tremendous amount of effort has been put into this project. Harmon stated we have responsibilities but we also have limits.

Mathews thanked Harmon for his opinion.

Bartlett thinks we need to put a lid over the pump house to enclose it to keep the kids out. Stated that kids could climb that fence and get inside and mess with those pumps and that could be bad.

Mathews stated that could be done by building a frame around the filter system and enclosing the top.

Bartlett said he feels we better get this closed quick as he feels this is a major concern.

Items not known in advance:

Sharpe read a quote from Newhouse Electric for taking down and installing 44 1500-watt fixtures on the girl's softball field next to the high school. Total cost for this including labor and materials is \$24,000. This quote is good for 30 days.

There being no further business, Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

JOHN GRIDLEY, PRESIDENT

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GEORGE COONS, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY