

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1999
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Park & 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. Board members present were George Coons, Jack Harmon and Greg Raike. Wilma Jo Kile and Roy Bartlett were absent. Also present was Buck Gray, Parks Director; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican* and Scott Murry, *WRCR*.

Minutes: Minutes of the Joint Meeting on June 3rd, 1999 and the Regular Meeting on June 3rd, 1999 was presented for approval. Raike moved to approve both sets of minutes. Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Report: Gray reported that the Mayor had a Department Head meeting this morning and that we, (Parks Department), have had our current budget reduced by \$43,500. Gray stated he wanted to inform the board that this was a reduction of the 1999 Budget. Gray stated that the money cut was funds earmarked for 1999 pool use. Those funds will no longer exist. The Board reviewed copies of the 2000 Budget as that has also been substantially reduced in several different areas. Gray asked board members to look over budget and if you feel strongly about anything to please let him know. Gray stated that all 400 numbers were eliminated, except \$2,000 for landscaping, trees and flowers. Gray felt that one thing we needed to do was set a schedule for next year's pool. School will be out May 19th which could get us an early opening. Gray stated he was told today that the pool wouldn't be 100% ready until June, but that "substantial" completion would be in May. Gray stated his big concern was he wanted to have an extended pool season. Make pool available after school 4:00 to 7:00 through Labor Day but due to cutting money back for seasonal help this may not be feasible. Gray stressed to the board to take a good look at this and if any ideas about the budget or salaries he certainly wants to hear them.

Coons questioned the number of guards. Gray stated that we staffed 11 guards last year and that next year we will need approximately 20 guards. We will need this many to cover summer school, vacations, 4-H, etc. Gray stated that he thinks we need an Assistant to the Pool Manager to work in conjunction with the Manager, and to cover the managers off day.

Gray stated that he is concerned about available money because with the new pool we need to be super staffed. He would like to have his staff on a week prior to opening to familiarize and acclimate themselves to the new facility.

Questions on the budget then ensued.

Harmon stated that he feels we need to go over the basic concepts. Such as, it will be a heated pool and we will want to open the pool for people after there work hours. Gray stated that he is sure the school will want to do a two-week session for summer school swim class.

Raike questioned why the City is so short that we have to cut ½ million dollars this year. Gray stated that \$43,500 is being cut from the Parks Dept. and that another \$50,000 is being cut from the Common Council budget.

Gray stated that he would like the hours for the new pool to be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., six days a week and from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Coons stated that this pool is going to be new and people are gonna want to use it.

Gray suggested extra hours for adult swims and pool parties.

Harmon stated he didn't understand the time frame of the budget process, as we haven't even discussed the basic concepts when the pool will open and discuss budget figures. Now we have a two-week window to work with. Harmon said he feels we need to recommend our concepts and schedules to the Council. Raike stated we need firm figures.

A Special Meeting was set for this Friday, July 16, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rushville Fire Department, 120 N. Perkins Street. All members please be present with facts and figures.

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

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Sharpe presented the board with an invoice from Bingham Summers Welsh & Spilman for the board's approval. This bill is in reference to legal services for the City of Rushville, Indiana Park District Bonds, Series 1999. Raike moved to approve the above invoice. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Gridley stated he talked to Brad Whittaker at the job site today and he needed to know what color we wanted the exterior plectron sign to be. (Background and lettering).
Raike asked who pays for the sign?
Gray stated he is sure it is the contractors.
Raike stated we don't have the money and that we better check that out, as the school had to pay for theirs.
The board agreed that the colors should be something that stands out.
Harmon suggested Aquatic Blue.

Gridley also stated that after talking to Brad that in the bathhouse the specs call for a slick floor and that's not good. It needs to be a light broom finish. Sharpe will pass this on to Morgan Markoe.

Raike moved to get with the Mayor and Morgan Markoe and have them here on Friday night to answer questions.
Raike stated he was under the understanding that Morgan would be here from last meetings minutes to answer questions and he didn't show up.
He also stated he had questions about the fundraiser for the Aquatic Play Station.
Raike left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Gray reported that on Friday's, the Fire Department has been offering a water spray screen and deck gun spray for the children at Memorial Park. This has been a great success having about 100 kids with lots of parents watching and participating.

Gray reported that busing kids to Shelbyville pool has been very good, averaging 45 kids on Tuesday and Thursday's.

Gray stated again that we need to resolve some major issues on staffing and suppling our new pool. We can outfit this amenity. We need to focus on Friday's meeting and have facts and figures ready. Consider hours, staffing, labor for concessions and accounting areas.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:35 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