

**SPECIAL MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1999
6:30 P.M.**

Call To Order: The Parks & Recreation Board held a Special Meeting on the above date and time at the Rushville Fire Department FOP Building, 120 N. Perkins St., Rushville. President John Gridley called the meeting to order. Board members present were Roy Bartlett, George Coons and Jack Harmon. Wilma Jo Kile and Greg Raike were absent. Also present was Buck Gray, Parks Director; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*; and Morgan Markoe, Bonar.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for the new swimming pool.

Markoe handed out photocopies of double slide options.

Sharpe handed out Parks and Recreation Board Budget sheets with comparisons for 1997, 1998, 1999 and the year 2000 for the Board's review.

Also handed out was Resolution #1999-21, a Resolution to reduce spending in this years budget which the Council will approve Tuesday, July 20th. This Resolution is cutting \$43,500 from the Parks and Recreation Budget to reduce spending this year.

Pool slides were discussed.

Pool date openings were discussed.

Coons asked that with a pool this size, what should the lifeguard number be.

Markoe stated we will have 4 lifeguard stations so should have four guards in stations and 1 guard walking for a total of 5 lifeguards.

Gridley asked if this pool would be handicapped accessible.

Markoe stated yes, the building and pool are handicapped accessible.

Voiles asked if Markoe was pleased with the project so far.

Markoe stated yes, the fence is up, people are stopping and asking questions, which is good. Everything seems to be going well. Footings are being poured today.

Due to Raike's absence, Markoe stated he will call him and set up a luncheon date to discuss any questions or concerns he might have.

Coons questioned the floor condition, referring to slickness. Markoe it was never an issue, the floor type already had that consideration covered.

Gridley stated he talked to the Mayor about the budget cuts.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 10th at City Hall, 133 West First Street.

Budget cuts were discussed.

Gray stated that he was concerned about the new pool project with the new budget cuts. As much of the money cut, he had earmarked for pool amenities. He stated we will have a quality facility and we need quality staff and equipment. He did state that he feels we can come up with the amenities in some manner or form from prudent use of other line items.

Gray's main concern is the lifeguards. We can't staff a pool with \$18,000. He asked for \$28,000 and that figure was cut down to \$18,000.

Gray stated that school would be out May 19th. He would like to have his pool staff in on Monday, May 22nd for the first day of training, meeting each other and familiarization of the new facility.

He would like to open the pool Memorial Day weekend, with a training week the week before.

He feels that if they start on the 22nd they will have until the 27th to get prepared, which gives them a week.

If we open on the 27th of May and stay open until Labor Day, which is September 4th, that gives us 106 days of operation.

The hours Gray would like to run the pool would be from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Gray stated he would also like to consider adult only swimming times.

Harmon stated that if we have 4 lifeguards with 1 lifeguard walking deck that would total 5 lifeguards. We need to have 3 guards available to take care of potential accidents and to be able to rotate guards. This would give us a total of 8 lifeguards on shift. Gray stated he would also like to have a Manager and Assistant Manager on duty too.

Salaries were discussed: Lifeguards \$5.75 Plus 25 Cent Bonus for Longevity
Concession \$5.15 Minimum Wage
Accounting \$5.15 Minimum Wage

Pool parties were discussed. The Board felt that the lifeguard's fee has always been \$17.50 but that more money should be charged for the use of the pool due to the pool being new and bigger and more play activities for the kids to do. The board tossed figures around and felt that \$75.00 to \$80.00 for a couple of hours was a reasonable figure.

Gray stated he feels that the concession stand should be opened if the people who book the party request it. Board agreed.

After discussing facts and figures for pool salaries the board came up with the following figures:

Pool Manager	\$ 6,000	Still a good number
Assistant Pool Manager	\$ 4,000	Still a good number
Lifeguards	\$18,000	\$39,416 is what we need budgeted
Concession/Accounting	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$11,712</u> is what we need budgeted
	\$33,000	\$61,128 needed for pool budget

\$28,128 Difference

Gray stated he felt that we needed to hire 20 lifeguards due to vacations, summer school and summer programs.

Gray stated that the lifeguard's salaries have been \$5.75 plus 25 cent bonus for longevity as stated in the salary ordinance.

Gray also stated he feels we should involve summer school and approach the school system to pay a user fee. They may also want to use the pool through the end of September before we shut down and that could be a potential source of income as well.

Coons asked if our revenue goes into the General Fund now?
Gray stated yes.

Coons showed the board some internet facts he researched and that in Shelbyville the money goes into the Parks Non Reverting Fund and he stated that he thought that was a good idea and we needed to check into that and make sure that is being done with us.

After more facts and figuring the board came up with the figure we were short of \$28,128. This is the figure we need to meet our pool budget.

Harmon questioned the Boys/Girls Club Donation.

Gray stated that he thought it was \$65,000 for 3 years, then would be phased out as the club began to operate in the black.

Harmon stated he thought they were to be phased out in some point and time and that we should check on that.

The board decided to meet with the Mayor at 2:00 Monday to request additional monies for the new swimming pool.

There being no further business, Harmon moved to adjourn. Coons seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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

