

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1999
6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time at City Hall, 133 West First Street, Rushville. President John Gridley called the meeting to order. Parks Board members present were Roy Bartlett, George Coons, Wilma Jo Kile and Greg Raike. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present was Buck Gray, Parks Director; Ron Wilson, Attorney; Carla Sharpe, Secretary; Morgan Markoe, Bonar; Jim Jones, R. L. Turner and Jemmy Miller, Rushville Animal Warden.

Minutes: Minutes of July 13, 1999 and July 16, 1999 were presented for approval. Raike moved to approve minutes. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Morgan Markoe, Bonar, was present to update the board on the new swimming pool. He shared an optimistic schedule from R.L. Turner. The project completion date was set for January 11, 2000. This is optimistic assuming no bad weather. Ahead of schedule and progressing quite well.

The deadline of October 8th was discussed for items to be added to the pool.

Markoe handed out play feature sheets that would give the board a sense of scale. These require 18 inches of water and we will be right on that.

This play feature is workable and will fit. The clearances meet all guidelines.

Gray suggested the water jets instead of the mushroom.

Water jets run \$1,045.00, one system has seven jets. The mushroom runs \$8,000.

Gray stated the mushroom adds shade but that the jets are an excellent play feature.

Gray asked Raike if we were on track in coming up with the cash for the play feature.

Raike stated he was not worried about the cash. He has already received a \$2,000 donation from the American Legion and that other organizations were just waiting on a time line.

Gray stated that we could possibly take money out of current cash flow and then reimburse as donations come in.

Gray stated this needs to be resolved tonight. Pull trigger and go with it or let it go.

Raike stated he thinks there should be a little more interactive play in this pool. He stated he could go to Foundation as a last resort. He also stated he is going to County Council, as there will be County kids using this pool too.

Raike stated he knows everyone is thinking, what if Greg Raike comes up short, he stated he don't think there will be a problem.

Kile asked the board, do we want the mushroom or jets?

The play feature that is being considered is Model #112 for \$52,995. This feature has a waterfall, kiddy slide and double platform.

Model #110 is for \$39,000. Raike stated if all else fails we could go to Model #110.

Gray stated that the jets are controllable, can be turned off or on, and is a reasonable alternative.

Kile questioned if these items were handicap assessable. Markoe stated yes.

Kile then made a motion to substitute one set of jets for the mushroom and to give Raike the go ahead with the play feature. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 14, 1999.

R.L. Turner handed out a Construction Schedule.

Gray handed out Progress Reports from the meetings.

Jim Jones, R. L. Turner, went over the Construction Schedule and stated that after they pour the bottom they have to let it set and cure for one month and then put on the epoxy paint. This is all depending on the weather.

Gray stated that after talking to Brad Whittaker, on site, tomorrow morning they plan to begin putting up the walls for bathhouse. We should see a substantial change over the next couple of weeks.

The next progress meeting is August 18. These meetings are being held every two weeks.

Gray stated that this week is the last week for Shelbyville pool bus trips. This has gone awesomely well averaging 45-60 kids each trip. We have paid the chaperones way in. Gray also stated that this is the last Friday for the water spray in the park. This program has gone tremendously well averaging 100 participants easily.

As for the summer crew, all students are done. The two long term, part time people will probably work up to October 1st. They are doing a wonderful job.

As for the playground equipment that is being stored in back of the Police Department, he has been talking to an installer to get help installing and doing it properly. He had set this up for August 28th but that turns out to be Rush Fest weekend. Now the date of installation has been tentatively set for the 2nd Saturday in September. The Rotary Club has volunteered to assist with the installation. Gray stated we are moving forward slowly but we are moving forward. This is nice equipment and would probably cost 3-4 times the amount now that we paid for it back then.

Claims: Claims were presented for approval. Kile and Bartlett reviewed claims prior to meeting. Kile moved to approve claims for the month. Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Jemmy Miller, Animal Warden, was present to see if the Parks Board would be interested in looking at a Bark Park. This is something that Indy just done with two acres fenced off for dogs to run and play. He stated that before he put a lot of work into this he wanted to see if the board was even interested.

Miller feels the dogs should be property tagged before they get into the park. He also feels the dogs should be registered and fully vaccinated.

Raike had newspaper clippings for the board review on this same subject.

Raike questioned the liability and asked what happens if we have a dogfight.

The board instructed Miller to find out all the particulars and report back.

Is the owner responsible for cleaning up after the animal?

Raike stated that a possible site could be the land given for park from the Flatrock River Project.

Miller stated that it cost \$8-\$10 Thousand Dollars to have a 1 acre with a 6 foot fence around it. He feels we could cut this space in half.

Gray stated he feels it is worthy to see if it would be applicable in our situation.

Raike stated he didn't have a problem finding out more info on this.

Gray stated he received some info in the mail on dog stations, like kids, this is diaper station for animals. Didn't know how expensive, just informing the board.

Raike stated that if the Parks gives the land and the Animal department provides the fence we could see if the Council goes for this in next year's budget.

Coons reported that Wilbur Hoeing wanted to get with the Parks Board and take a walk at the Flatrock River Land Park. Raike stated we need to get him here at a meeting and go walk the area before a meeting. Board agreed this was a good idea.

Raike also submitted a newspaper clipping about skateboarding. This article was out of Columbus.

Gray reported that he is going to a State Conference at Founders Park September 7, 8, and 9th. He will check out this new skateboarding facility. He stated he would definitely pursue this info.

There being no further business, Raike moved to adjourn. Coons seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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