

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Perkins, Hinterlong, Dikun and Marzahl. Also present were Alderman Nolan, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson, Supt. Parks and Recreation Burkart and members of the audience.

Kishwaukee Valley River Watershed Presentation

No one in attendance to make presentation from Kishwaukee Valley River Watershed.

Mike Clarke's Request

Mike Clarke addressed the Committee and reviewed his interest in purchasing 3,800 sq. ft. in Park Pointe Subdivision behind his property as outlined behind Lot 50 on the attached map. He would clean up some of the brush and plant grass and possibly fence in the area but would not be putting up any structures or filling the area. The general consensus was that the City should retain more than the 50' depicted on the map in the event the City would like to put in a walking trail or bike path. Administrator Nelson noted the linear park system which would include a pedestrian path that would follow the Mokeler Creek east to west and possibly head further east which is currently unincorporated with an attempt to line up the park system which would require access to continue with the trail system. Mike Clarke indicated he would still be interested in purchasing a smaller portion and that the adjoining neighbor is also interested in purchasing property behind his house. Administrator Nelson noted that the sale of property would necessitate sealed bids and would require newspaper publication for three consecutive weeks. Dave recommended setting a minimum bid. Mike indicated he would be able to obtain a survey of the property and legal description. The sale of the property would include the reimbursement of fees incurred for the cost of publication, attorney fees, etc. Moved by Dikun, seconded by Hinterlong that Administrator Nelson be authorized to meet with the owners to determine costs. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Pool Fee Schedule/Park Fees

Supt. Burkart reviewed the 2004 Year End Pool and Park Report and recommended increasing fees for in-town/out-of-town pool passes and swimming lessons by \$5.00 across the board; everything else would remain the same. The last pass increase was in 2002. The Committee discussed whether or not the lack of a kiddie pool affected attendance. Supt. Burkart noted that the pool is geared towards the junior high age group and that there really isn't anything any attraction for toddlers except to sit in the shallow end. Moved by Dikun, seconded by Marzahl to approve a \$5.00 fee increase per Supt. Burkart's recommendations. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator Nelson noted he included copies of fees from other communities for reservation of athletic fields and recommended the Committee review for a future meeting.

Review Parks Capital Improvements

The Committee reviewed the Parks Capital Improvement Plan to identify priorities for the next fiscal year. Supt. Burkart noted that the pool has all the underground work in the shallow area to add a new water feature such as a kiddie frog slide or waterfall umbrella for kids five and under. Estimated cost would be between \$8,000 - \$25,000 depending on which feature is chosen. The Committee discussed whether or not to purchase a motor which would be large enough for more than one feature to allow for additional features to be added in the future. Moved by Dikun, seconded by Marzahl to approve the purchase of one feature, pump and motor at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, with staff to determine the feature and size of pump and motor. Any funds left over will be put back into the park fund. All ayes. Motion carried. Staff will come back to the Committee if they find a deal outside the parameter of the motion.

Chairman Perkins recommended that the parks capital improvement list be updated at the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Staff will update the existing list removing items that have been completed, maintaining the remaining items and adding items that staff would like the committee to consider and mail to the committee for review and add items that the committee would like to consider.

The Committee discussed the replacement of the shelter at Mary D. Ayer Park. The City has received a quote from Sam Finrock, Regional Sales Manager at Erect-A-Tube in the amount of \$8,600 for a 22' x 42' pavilion, including delivery to the site. Sam has also volunteered his services to direct putting up the pavilion and Darrell has a crew that will put it up. There would be additional cost for a concrete foundation base; Darrell is working on cost estimates. Total cost is estimated at \$12,000; Darrell will have an exact cost at the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. This will be similar to the Boy's League building with the exception of the roof which will be straight sloped instead of peaked.

At 8:14 p.m., moved by Marzahl, seconded by Dikun to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Darrell Perkins, Chairman