

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Perkins, Marzahl, Berg and Adams. Also present were Mayor Nolan, Alderman Logan, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson and Supt. Burkart.

Kiwanis Club Donation

Supt. of Parks Burkart reviewed the correspondence received from the Kiwanis Club noting that the club has been disbanded. Further that because they were the primary organizer for the fitness area at Milky Way Park, the Kiwanis presented a final donation in the amount of \$3,500 for the continued upkeep and improvement of that area. Bob contacted the company that did the original install for an inspection and reviewed their proposal for Fitness Center Repairs in the amount of \$2,040; Bob noted that the items contained in the proposal could either be done by the City or were not significant in nature. Dr. Jon had previously expressed the Kiwanis' interest in putting in a baseball fence; Bob reviewed a quote received from First Fence Inc. with a price of \$5,600 for 512' of 6' standard galvanized chain link fence for the outfield only. Bob's recommendation is to use the donation to put in 6 more park benches and four more trash cans at a total cost of \$3,538.08. Moved by Berg, seconded by Adams to recommend to the City Council that Supt. Burkart's proposal be adopted, subject to approval by the Kiwanis Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Milk Day Lighting

Supt. Burkart noted that Milk Day is researching the possibility of putting up the eight lights removed the viaduct on the north side of the parking lot at Milky Way Park prior to Milk Day weekend, pending final approval of both the City Council and the Milk Day Board. Bob is waiting for prices from Blue Ribbon Electric. Also discussed was putting in piping under the new parking lot for future use. Moved by Adams, seconded by Berg to approve the installation of the city lights at Milky Way Park, on the north side of the parking lot, with the light fixtures pointed toward the parking lot, at no cost to the City. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dogs at Milk Day

The Committee discussed Milk Day's request that no dogs be allowed in Milky Way Park on Friday, June 2nd through Sunday, June 4th. Moved by Berg, seconded by Adams to recommend to the City Council that commencing with the 2006 Milk Day Celebration, that dogs with the exception of police dogs or dogs used for the handicapped, be banned from the Milk Day Grounds, with a fine for violation at no less than \$100 nor more than \$500, upon ignoring direction to leave the grounds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deans Building

Supt. Burkart reviewed Milk Day's four-year contract with Dean Foods of which part of the contract is a donation from Deans each year for a community building. Tom Condon from Deans has inquired if there is a long term plan for a building, and if not, would suggest that the money that is already in savings be put towards another pavilion. A drawing was done years ago for a 145' x 60' building; today's cost would be \$300,000 - \$400,000. The Committee discussed putting in a smaller shelter now which could be added onto or turned into a building at a later date. Alderman Perkins will look into pricing. Also suggested was to meet with Tom Condon and Dick Crone to discuss further.

NISRA

The Committee reviewed Administrator Nelson's memo outlining NISRA's efforts to streamline their organization through the elimination of a Board of Trustees. There is still a Board of Directors, made up of member districts, of which Supt. Burkart is a member. Moved by Berg, seconded by Perkins to recommend the following to the City Council:

1. Amend NISRA by-laws;
2. Amend NISRA Articles of Incorporation;
3. Approve NISRA Budget FY06/07 – Harvard's proposed member dues are \$21,624

All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:33 p.m., moved by Berg, seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Darrell Perkins, Chairman