

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Patricia McDonough/Kara Condon-Bough/Youth Recreational Ideas**

Patricia McDonough and Kara Condon-Bough addressed the Committee to discuss recreational ideas that would have a positive influence on the youth of our community. Patricia indicated she would raise all the funds necessary and would involve the kids in fundraising through car washes, etc. Other funding options discussed were grants and a future referendum for a park district. Administrator Nelson stated that the city currently collects about \$130,000 through taxes and it takes approx. \$175,000 to maintain the existing parks and programs.

The Committee discussed issues/concerns with previous proposals for skate parks: the city was responsible for building and/or maintaining the skate park, insufficient lighting and fencing and locations that were highly susceptible to vandalism. The suggested location for a skate park was Milky Way Park. Dave thought a skate park would be covered under our insurance but would have to double check. Supt. Burkart noted that when it was proposed several years ago, maintenance was a concern because of insufficient staffing levels to provide maintenance.

The general consensus of the Parks and Recreation Committee was in favor of moving forward with the concept of a skate park at Milky Way Park. Patricia and Kara were directed to further research and bring back details to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Nolan suggested that they present their ideas to other community organizations such as the Lion's Club and Rotary. The Committee discussed permit requirements to solicit funds at five-points which could be put on the City Council agenda when they know the dates they would like to solicit.

Supt. Burkart distributed information on dollar amounts invested in each of the City's parks. Bob also noted a basic software program at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 that is designed to handle registrations for multiple athletic groups as well as the City's programs that could be run through the City's website. Bob has talked with some of the clubs who are somewhat interested in going in on the software. The consensus was that is was a good idea if the other clubs were on board both with the concept and financing.

At 6:58 p.m., moved by Adams , seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Darrell Perkins, Chairman