

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

## Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Stobart  
Pat Duncan  
Bill Dickey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Tammy Edge, Operations Manager  
Sara Mitchell, Recreation Superintendent

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 4:09 pm in Lincoln Center. Bill Stobart called the meeting to order with 3 members present. The June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were looked over and approved, first by Pat Duncan and seconded by Bill Dickey and then approved by everyone.

### **Introduction of New Staff and Board Members**

Bill Stobart introduced Kim Vogel as the new Director of Parks & Recreation replacing Jeff Wilbert who was the Interim Director. Kim has been with the City of Pittsburg for 11 ½ years.

Kim introduced Sara Mitchell as the new Recreation Superintendent. Kim said that Sara came over from the YMCA where she worked for 6 years. She is fitting in nicely within the department and has already taken on a couple of big events, Corporate Challenge & Pittsburg Idol.

Kim then introduced the newest member to the board, Todd Loveland, who was unable to make the meeting due to a previous commitment. She said that Todd was very pleased in getting the nomination to join the board. He is a golfer & has a daughter that is involved in different activities so should bring a lot of fresh ideas and comments to the position. He is replacing Scott Roberts who resigned due to leaving Pittsburg.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update on Everybody Plays Playground**

The committee held a golf tournament to raise money for the playground on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 11 teams and approximately \$2000.00 was raised, which brings the total money raised for the playground to approximately \$23,000. There was a representative from Game Time in the tournament, which is the equipment company for the playground. Kim informed the board that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of ordering a small piece of the playground so that things can start moving forward. In order to purchase the first section of the playground it would take at least \$25,000 from the playground committee's end. Tammy asked if the committee has thought about putting in for a multi-year Pritchett Grant. Kim said that the idea has been discussed. On a different subject Bill Stobart said that he walks through Schlanger Park often and thought at one

time there was a plaque near the old playground recognizing the McNally family. Kim said that it was probably removed when the tornado slide was removed but would check on it.

### **Wilderness Park Bike Trails**

Roger Lomshek had a group that wanted to expand some of the trails at Wilderness Park for avid bike riders. The new trail is about 1 mile long and is probably more for the experienced bike rider because it is narrow and has some high hills. Kim said that it is nice for groups to want to help in different areas of the parks. This group has helped with the bike park on 23<sup>rd</sup> street but wanted to break away and do some trails at Wilderness Park.

### **New Business**

#### **Weekly Reports**

Kim wanted to know if the board still wanted the weekly reports sent to them and they all replied yes. They said that it keeps them up with everything that is going on. She said that when she took over the position of Director, she noticed how all of the other department's weekly reports looked, and then adjusted the Parks Department's accordingly.

#### **Budget**

Kim gave all of the board members a copy of the Parks Department budget and went over it with them. She explained how some of our money was cut in different areas for 2011. It is going to be hard, especially in the part-time position areas. She told them if they had any questions after they looked it over to give her a call and she would try and answer their questions.

#### **Aquatic Center End of Year Review**

Kim said that Sara is going to be supervising the Aquatic Center staff for the 2011 season because of her back round with the YMCA aquatic staff. Kim is requesting a time clock for that division of the department because it is all part time staff, including managers, and no one from the office is there to check the timesheets on a daily basis. She said that there were still some bills coming in due to painting the pool. Overall the pool had a great season.

#### **Review June, July, August & September Programs**

June – Swim Lessons, Tennis Lessons, Golf Clinic, Tot-Lot and Boredom Buster Camps

July – **4<sup>th</sup> of July** (Kim mentioned that everything went well except a major decision had to be made on shooting the fireworks off early than 10pm. There was bad weather moving into the area and the fireworks were already loaded and had to be shot off that evening.)

August – **Corporate Challenge** – Total of 10 teams, Sara said the week went well. It was her first big event and everything ran smoothly but she probably will have some different ideas and input from each division entering the challenge next year.

September – **Pittsburg Idol** – Total of 23 contestants. Sara added a new feature to the contest this year. The contestants were treated to a makeover by the Fort Scott Community College Cosmetology Department. They really enjoyed that. It was a great turnout and look forward to making it even bigger next year.

### **Kelly Miller Circus**

Before Kim received the position of director, Jeff Wilbert, then interim director, agreed to have a circus perform in order to raise funds for the 2011 fireworks. It was a lot of work but did raise some money for the fireworks. Kim went around town selling tickets to area business and put up posters. There were two performances, one at 2pm and one at 5pm. It was located between the JJ Richards Band Dome and the YMCA.

### **Four Oaks Golf Course**

Kim informed the members that our course was about the only one in the area that did not have greens that were lost due to lack of water. The staff really made sure that everything was watered and sometimes that seemed hard with only 3 full time employees and 1 part time employee. Kim said that even the members appreciated how the course was maintained during the very hot and dry summer and cooked a lunch for the Four Oaks staff.

### **New Software**

The Parks Department will be getting a new software system that will allow the different divisions to be tied directly to the finance software so that double work does not have to be done. We should be going live with the new system on January 1, 2011. The software will also do away with Ticket Sage, which is a program that is run at Memorial Auditorium to sell tickets. The new software will allow customers to go online to view seating and purchase tickets to the different performances.

### **Christmas Parade**

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Edge