

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christy Watt (Chairperson)
Bill Stobart
Pat Duncan
Bill Dickey

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Wilbert, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
Tammy Edge, Operations Manager
Kim Vogel, Recreation Superintendent

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 4:04 pm in Lincoln Center. Christy Watt called the meeting to order with 4 members present. The November minutes were approved by everyone. Pat Duncan did ask if the dedication letter went out to the group that wanted to dedicate something to Deramus Park for a friend that had passed. Jeff said that the letter did go out and the parties involved understood what could and could not be done. If they did decide to do something they would contact the Parks Office.

Old Business

End of the Year Report

All Park Board members were given copies of the end of the year reports for each of the divisions. They are lengthy so Jeff asked them to look them over and if they had any questions to either contact the office or bring the questions to the next meeting.

Review December, January, February & March Events

Kim went over all of the different activities for the past months.

Santa Calling: Kim said that the firemen were a real help and did a great job playing Santa. There were 190 kids that needed to be called in a 3 evening time frame.

Christmas Parade: This was the first year that the Parks Department was in charge of the Christmas Parade. Tammy said that it was a success but there are a few things that we are looking at to do different next year. A big THANK YOU to Christy Watt who came and helped get everyone lined up before the parade began.

Christmas Craft Fair: This was the first year for Kim to sponsor a Christmas Craft Fair which was a fundraiser for the KOAM Toy Box.

Date Night: Was a big success as in the past. This year was a circus theme. There were 152 participants that did everything from crafts, take pictures, dance and eat ice cream sundaes. This year Kim had a group of clowns from Mirza make balloon animals for the girls and they were a big hit.

Kim then went over the numbers that have been attending the Karate, Tumbling and Zumba classes that are offered every month.

New Business

Spring & Summer Program Guide

Each of the members received a copy of the Spring and Summer Program Guide. Kim told them that this is a way to get the word out to the public on what the Parks and Recreation Department has to offer. She said that we also send out Just for Kids News Letters to the schools about every other month. Jeff said that he met with a representative from the Morning Sun and has agreed to purchase an ad which will run every Tuesday. The cost of the ad will be split with the divisions within the department that use it. One of the board members suggest that face book is a good way to get information out. As of right now the City is not allowed to post anything on sites such as facebook.

Hiking and Biking Trail

Jeff told the board that Pittsburg Beautiful is working on a design for the head of the trail that will be located at 11th & Broadway. There will be a meeting with Watco on the paving of the trail next week. Christy wanted to know the estimated time that the job will be completed. Jeff said possibly early fall. She said that it will be nice for her class to use this next school year.

23rd Street Bike Park Update

Sign is up describing the different trails and the next project will be the parking area. In the future we hope to add a shelter & restrooms. Our goal is also to move the Skate Park from Schlanger Park to this park.

Leash Ordinance

Jeff told the board that we have put signs in all of the parks letting the public know about the leash law within City limits. Bill Stobart asked if there was an ordinance about the public picking up after their dog. He said that in some of the parks it is bad. Jeff said that he would look into it because he was not sure if there was such an ordinance. A dog park was also mentioned. Tammy said that she did research on a dog park a couple of years ago but could not get enough interest from other staff to try to go ahead with a plan.

Scouts Adopting Lakeside Park

Sammy's Cab adopted the park last year but now no longer exists. Alicia Kramer had 1st – 5th grade scouts that want to adopt and clean the park. On Arbor Day the scouts will plant a tree and then there will be a cookout. The City provides rakes, gloves and bags for the troops to use during cleanup. We hope to put up a sign stating that the scouts have adopted the park.

Pritchett Trust Grant

Jeff said that the department put in for a grant to build a disc golf course at Schlanger Park. We should know something by the end of April if we are awarded the grant money. Bill Stobart asked about the land that is for sale east of the park and Jeff said that the price is pretty high. Bill also told Jeff that he saw a picnic table by the bridge.

Jeff said that he would let Ken know about it so that it can be moved back to the appropriate location.

Improvement to dump station at RV Park

Jeff told the board that the dump station was being repaired and that we are waiting on parts to finish the project. He also said that in the near future we were going to do some work on the electricity to each camping spot.

NRPA Video

Jeff said that Chuck Killingsworth brought in a video that tells how important parks are to a city. Mr. Killingsworth would like the City Commissioners to play it during a Commission Meeting. The Park Boards recommendation is for the Commissioner to watch it prior to a meeting and if they thought it needed to be played during a meeting they could do so.

Baseball Tournament at Jaycee Ballpark

The department received a request from an individual, who has a traveling team, to hold a tournament at Jaycee Ballpark. The field is currently used by Pittsburg High School, St. Mary's Colgan High School, American Legion, Sr. Babe and JL Hutchinson League. Jeff explained that it would be very difficult to allow additional use on the field because of the current usage. Jeff's concern is if we open it up for one traveling team it could put us in a situation that would become uncontrollable. After the board discussed it a vote was taken to grandfather in the league and teams mentioned above and not to allow traveling teams to use the field for tournaments. It was passed unanimously. Jeff pointed out that Craig Hull, CVB Director, will continue to market the field in an effort to stimulate our economy but he will be required to work around any existing schedules.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Edge