

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2009

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

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center. Christy Watt called the meeting to order with 4 members present. The July 16th minutes were approved by everyone.

Old Business

Fourth of July Final Summary

Jeff went over the report that Kim Vogel supplied for the board to review the income and expenses for the Fourth of July festivities. The expenses were good this year due to the fact the City did not have to fund the fireworks. This is in thanks to area businesses and individuals of Pittsburg and surrounding areas. Jeff mentioned to the board that if they had new events they would like to see brought to the festivities to let him and his staff know and they would see what they could do. He stated that our department is always looking for new ideas.

Lakeside Park Adoption

Jeff met with a group of citizens that want to clean up Lakeside Park. The group had a list of things they would like to accomplish at the park. Plant flowers, keep the lake clean of debris and clean and paint the restrooms. Jeff said that the City would supply the supplies needed to maintain the park. Some of the group live near the park and would maintain trash on a regular basis but the group as a whole would like to meet once a month to do major projects to the park. Christy stated that a group from PCMS under the supervision of Kerry Kubler is available to do community service and would probably be glad to help out in one of the community parks. Jeff said that he would keep them in mind for other projects that come up. Bill Stobart said that he would like to see basketball courts added to the park. He said that Carl Junction has some nice courts. There are different heights of goals so that it meets the standards of different aged children. Jeff said that he also thought it would be a nice addition and would put it on a list of things to be added in the future. Tammy said that this might be a project that the Parks Dept. could apply for a Pritchett Grant.

23rd Street Bike Park Plans

Jeff informed the board that one of the construction classes at PSU will be building a kiosk at the entrance of the 23rd Street Bike Park. There are other construction groups working on plans for other areas of the park also, such as parking, restrooms, fencing and even moving the skate park, now located at Schlanger Park, to the eastside of the 23rd Street Bike Park. These will be projects that will take place over the next few years. Bill said that he had a class come up with an idea to place an observation deck at the east end of the park so that children could view the trains entering and leaving the depot. A lot of children like trains and this would give them a safe way to watch the trains operating. In the future this could be a nice addition to that area.

New Business

Review the Aquatic Center Attendance for the Extended 2009 Weekends

Tammy gave the board a copy of the attendance and revenue that was brought in for the 9 extended days that were offered for the 2009 season. The Aquatic Center was open 7 out of the 9 days with a total of 637 swimmers. That is an average of 91 swimmers per day. Jeff told the board that with the numbers being so low that the City will probably not offer the extended dates for the 2010 season. Christy said that she went to the dog swim to see what it was like and she said that it looked like a fun time had by all. Tammy said that the numbers were way up this year with 71 dogs attending. There were 27 in 2007 and 38 in 2008.

Discuss Upcoming Events

- Fall Softball is getting ready to begin
- OK Kids Day will be held October 3rd at Lakeside Park
- Window Painting will be held October 14th at the old armory building
- Spook-tacular will be held October 29th at Memorial Aud.
- Toddler Time begins on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm and the next meeting will be scheduled for November 12, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Edge