

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Stobart  
Pat Duncan  
Scott Roberts

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jeff Wilbert, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
Tammy Edge, Operations Manager

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center. Bill Stobart called the meeting to order with 3 members present.

### **New Business**

#### **Aquatic Center/Schlanger Pool**

Jeff Wilbert went over all of the drain repairs that had to be done at the Aquatic Center due to the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act. This was quit costly but it had to be done before the pool could open. Jeff mentioned that the Parks & Recreation Department had to make a decision on weather to change the hours of operation for the Aquatic Center due to budget cuts within the City. The decision was to keep the hours and days of operation the same and to make sure that the Aquatic managers watch staff hours and keep a close eye on the budget. The Parks & Recreation Department did make a decision to only open the Schlanger Pool on Saturday's and Sunday's from 1pm – 5pm for the 2009 season. This is a pool where children 7 & under can go and swim free. In the past years the pool was open Tuesday through Sunday from 1pm – 5pm.

#### **Fourth of July**

Tammy handed out a flyer that Kim Vogel had made with all of the Fourth of July activities that would take place on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Stice Ball Diamond Fence**

Jeff Wilbert mentioned that he thought the move from Stice to Berry for the 11 & 12 year olds was going good. Pat Duncan said that he has a son in that age division and that the move was going ok. He mentioned that there was more room to warm up before the games and that the parking issue was better. Jeff asked him if there was an issue on homeruns being hit onto the field from the softball diamond to the east and he said that he never noticed any. Jeff did say that there were issues with the outfield area needing

more dirt and that the lights needed adjusted and that these issues would be addressed before the 2010 season.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Park**

Jeff Wilbert went over things that have been done to the land known as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Dumps to change it into the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Park. He said that the groups have done a lot of work to the area including building a bridge over one of the low lying areas of the park. He mentioned that signs were being made and that he hoped the park would be open by the end of July.

### **Lakeside Park**

Jeff Wilbert said that he was working with Kansas Wildlife and Parks on getting some of the ducks and geese moved and relocated from Lakeside Park. The park has just become over come with the ducks and geese and it was becoming not only a nuisance for people to go and enjoy the park but a health issue. He knows that this was going to be a sticky issue with some of the neighbors around the park and other members of the community but something had to be done to resolve the problem.

### **Police Department**

Jeff wanted the board members to know that the Parks Department would be in charge of maintaining the grounds and landscaping around the new Police Department Building. The Fire Department maintains there own grass and landscaping.

### **Four Oaks**

Jeff said that Four Oaks has been doing the normal mowing and maintaining the greens and then laying new sod on some of the tee boxes throughout the course. The clubhouse is putting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Elk's/Four Oaks Free Golf Clinic for kids. The clinic started on June 9<sup>th</sup> and runs for two weeks on Tuesday's & Thursday's from 8:30 am – 10:00am. The Elk's is donating \$1000.00 for the clinic. There are 41 kids signed up.

### **Jock's Nitch Tournament**

Jeff Wilbert said that the Jock's Nitch Tournament will be held June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Ken Robertson will have staff man the tournament for trash and field maintenance and then the City would bill them for the use of the fields, lights and staff hours after the tournament is over.

### **Donated Parks (Maintenance & upkeep)**

Jeff Wilbert just wanted to bring to the boards attention about all of the parks and facilities that have been donated to the City and how the Parks Department could keep up with the maintenance and upkeep with the budget cuts and the cutting of employees. Some of the donated parks have a budget attached to them so that the City can charge

upkeep and repairs but some of the parks fall on the Cities responsibility to repair and maintain.

### **Table & Chair Rental**

Jeff Wilbert just wanted the board to know that this fall he is going to request that the Parks Department not lease out tables and chairs for individuals to use at any of the outdoor facilities. This puts a lot of wear and tear on the tables and chairs and it calls for extra staff hours to haul them back and forth. The tables and chairs are included for the indoor facilities.

### **Burn Site**

We have had a lot of storms lately and the Parks Department has opened the burn site for citizens of Pittsburg to haul there downed limbs and branches. Some individuals have got caught hauling other items beside limbs and branches and this is not allowed. The City is going to try and have the site open every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for citizens to use. There will be staff there to make sure you are a resident of Pittsburg and that you are not bring in material that cannot be dumped there.

### **Comments from the Floor**

Jeff Wilbert is proposing to the board to have meetings every three months, instead of every month. Since only 3 members were present this vote will be postponed until the July meeting.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm and the next meeting will be scheduled for July 18, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Edge