

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Wilbert, Chairman
Tanny Hanahan
Christy Watt

GUESTS PRESENT: John Van Gorden, Director of Parks and Recreation

The Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center. Jeff Wilbert called the meeting to order with 3 members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the April 2007 minutes.

The second order of business was the review of the activity report from May. Mrs. Vogel stated that summer softball teams were down slightly from last year. She also said that participation in children's programs were up and that Hershey Track and OKKIDS day went very well.

The third order of business was the review of the facility report for the shelters and centers.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Wilbert said that the parking lot was a nice addition at Jaycee's and Watt noted that it had already been full several times. Mr. Van Gorden noted that the job got done early and that the Public Works crew did a good job.

NEW BUSINESS

FREE SWIM

Mr. Van Gorden said that a local citizen has been in a few times about offering free swim to the youth in the community. He said that we were thinking of offering a free day as part of our 4th of July celebration and see what type of attendance we have. Hanahan made a motion to offer free swim on the 4th of July; Watt seconded the motion. Wilbert asked if we heard that there are kids that can't swim because of the cost. Mr. Van Gorden said that maybe in August on Tuesdays and Thursdays we could let ages 9 -18 swim for free. Watt made a motion that from 1:00 – 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August children ages 9-18 swim free. Hanahan seconded the motion. Watt mentioned that there are a lot of middle school kids that come to mind that this might get to the pool, she mentioned that maybe an informal survey needed to be done with that age group about swimming.

4th OF JULY

Mr. Van Gorden said that we would start on the 2nd and we would have full days on the 3rd and 4th. Wilbert asked if we would take brochures to the YMCA. Mrs. Vogel said that we would and that they were taking them out to local business. She asked board members to take brochures with them.

JAYCEE PARK

Mr. Van Gorden said that the specifications were on his desk for the lighting with bids and construction in August with work done around November 1st.

JOCK'S NITCH

Mr. Van Gorden mentioned that the tournament starts tomorrow and that we are using our fields and PHS. He noted that it is a good tournament that brings dollars into the city. Wilbert asked if we broke even on the tournament and Mr. Van Gorden answered that we bill for lights and staff.

15 & 16 YEAR OLD STATE TOURNAMENT

Mr. Van Gorden stated that we would have the 15 & 16 year old tournaments and that hopefully there would be a huge turn out. Watt mentioned that we would possibly be having the Legion Zone Tournament.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

JAYCEE'S

Watt mentioned that there are holes in the net behind home plate and that birds have made a mess of the press box. She mentioned that she had cleaned it out but they have roosted there and it needs power washed. Mr. Van Gorden said that we do wash it but the birds just keep coming back. Wilbert said that it is the same at Rotary Park and Mr. Van Gorden said it was the same situation there.

LAKESIDE

Mr. Van Gorden said that we are looking for grant money to clean up the lake. He mentioned that we really need to drain and drudge it and start over. He mentioned that since there are people over there feeding the geese they are not going to leave and that now there are 70-80 over there but it would be nice to be able thin them down to 20.

With no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next meeting will be July 12, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel,
Recreation Superintendent