

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Wilbert, Chairman  
Tanny Hanahan  
Bill Stobart

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

The Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center. Jeff Wilbert called the meeting to order with three (3) members present.

**The first order of business** was the approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2007 meeting. Bill Stobart, after making two changes in the grammar, made a motion to approve the minutes and that was seconded by Tanny Hanahan.

**The second order of business** was to review the activities from January through March of 2007. Mrs. Vogel noted that all youth activities were continuing to have great attendance. She said that we have added another session of Karate and that toddler time and mummies time out programs have now ended for the summer. Mrs. Vogel told the board that we are only 2 teams shy of being completely full for spring softball and that all of our senior trips have filled up. She also noted that each evening, except Saturday and Sunday, Lincoln Center is booked with our recreation programs.

**The third order of business** was the review of the facility report from January through March of 2007.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Jaycee Ball Park** Mr. Van Gorden apologized to the board for moving forward with this project before we had an opportunity to meet on it. He told the board that he was approached by a private donor about the project and then he was hospitalized and we missed a meeting while the project kept moving forward. He said that the only dirt on the field would be at the pitchers mound and that the turf had a life expectancy of 15 years and that we would need about \$100,000.00 every 15 years to do repairs/replacement. Wilbert asked about vandalism and Cow Creek. Mr. Van Gorden said that we would continue to lock the field up and that we would have to just watch for vandals and that we had flood insurance that would cover any cost of flood damage. Mr. Van Gorden noted that the field turf would greatly assist in trying to schedule the 175 games that are played on the field and to maintain the field for those games. Wilbert noted that the infield looked great right now. Hanahan asked if we had any complaints about spending money on a field that was only for boys. Mr. Van Gorden said that since the majority of the money for the field was from private donations and not the tax payers we hadn't had a problem. He mentioned that the lights had not been touched since 1977 and that they were in need of replacement. Stobart asked about parking. Mr. Van Gorden said that the base is done and Public Works should have the 41 stalls done by July 1st.

**Adaptive Playground** Mrs. Vogel said that Chuck Killingsworth, PSU, brought the idea of a Shane's Inspiration to us. She said that Shane's Inspiration was started in California with a family that had a little boy that, had he lived, would have been wheelchair bound his entire life. They now work to create playgrounds and programs that are accessible to all children. Wilbert asked if we would just add on to an existing playground. Mr. Van Gorden said that we are looking at a new unit that will be probably about 5 times bigger than anything we have now. He said that we are looking at the Schlanger Park area for this type of equipment because it already has parking and nice facilities available. Wilbert asked if the land east of the trees had been purchased and Mr. Van Gorden said no. Mr. Van Gorden noted that this project is just in the beginning stage but he wanted the board to be aware of it.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** Mr. Van Gorden said that Jake's Fireworks sold Fireworks Spectacular and that we received two bids for fireworks, one out of Carthage and one from J & M, who bought Fireworks Spectacular. He noted that we brought someone in to review bids and went with the best show for the money. He said that Micheal Dalton is still working for the company so we will still be dealing with him and he may even be the one to shoot the show, if not him it will be the same people who always shoot it. Wilbert said that it is nice to have a local person involved.

**Dog Swim** Mr. Van Gorden said that Kim called Independence and talked to them about their dog swim. They said that they charged regular admission per dog and that if they were not in the water they had to be on a leash and no owners were allowed in the water with the dogs. Wilbert asked if we would still have to have a guard on duty. Mr. Van Gorden said that we would need at least one. Mr. Van Gorden said that he thought we should offer the dog swim on the last day before we drained the pool at \$4.00 per dog. The committee agreed.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Stobart asked about painting the pool. Mr. Van Gorden said that we are repainting all the inside of the buildings and we are doing some painting outside. Wilbert asked what the addition was by the frog. Mr. Van Gorden said that we are putting in playground equipment for small children. Stobart said that it looked like the sign had been left alone this year.

Wilbert asked if the grass that is being taken out for the parking lot be able to be reused. Mr. Van Gorden said that we may be able to use some at Four Oaks.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be set for May 10, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel