

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Wilbert, Chairman
Bill Stobart
Tanny Hanahan
Christy Watt

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

The Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 4:00 in Lincoln Center. Jeff Wilbert called the meeting to order with four (4) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the October meeting. Bill Stobart made a motion to approve the minutes and that was seconded by Jeff Wilbert.

The second order of business was to review the activities from November & December. Mrs. Vogel spoke about the success with Santa Calling and Santa's Workshop and the continued participation in the Adult Day Trips and in our Toddler Time, Mommies Time Out, Zumba, Power Tumbling, Baton, Karate & Dog classes. She mentioned that at this time our center is being used every Monday through Friday evening with Recreation classes and is also booked most days with our activities.

The third order of business was the review of the facility report from 2006.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Jeff Wilbert asked about the parking lot at Jaycees. Mr. Van Gorden stated that we have the money are ready to get started. He said we were waiting on the weather and that we would like to have the project completed by summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Immigrant Park Mr. Van Gorden said that we are still waiting for the attorneys to sign off on the facility. Wilbert asked when the miners statue would be done. Mr. Van Gorden said that Mr. Wilkerson is in charge of that and that the clock and flag pole still have to be put in. Stobart asked about signage at the park. Mr. Van Gorden said that it had been discussed but that he hadn't seen any plans on it yet.

Europe Park Mr. Van Gorden staid the project will be completed in the summer and they would like to see receptions and the like there. The facility will be

locked every night and it will be part of our parks system. Stobart asked how the City got the land and Mr. Van Gorden said that it still is owned by Millers.

Hiking & Biking Trails Mr. Van Gorden said that this project is also waiting on attorneys. Wilbert asked if work had begun yet and Mr. Van Gorden said that it had not.

Mowing Crew Mr. Van Gorden explained that the City is looking in to combining all mowing to one department. He said that currently both the Parks and Public Works departments have mowing crews and that may be changed so all mowing falls under the Parks department.

Tennis Court Repair Mr. Van Gorden said that we are going to fill cracks and do surface work on courts at both Four Oaks Complex and Lakeside Park. He said that when the tennis season begins for the high school students there is not a free court at Four Oaks left for the recreational players therefore Lakeside has to be upgraded for play. Wilbert asked where the money for the project will come from. Mr. Van Gorden said that the project would be \$35,000.00 from property tax.

Aquatic Center Lockers Mr. Van Gorden stated that we had money for new lockers and that the old ones would be hauled off. He told the board that the new lockers would be outside in view of staff and patrons.

Kelly Concession Stand Mr. Van Gorden said that this facility was in need of a new roof and that we hoped to get it done in 2007.

Handicap Ramp at Lincoln Center Mr. Van Gorden told the board that a new ramp will be built on the south west side of the building. He noted that new handicapped parking was added to that side.

Tee Boxes Mr. Van Gorden said that 3 tee boxes are going to be totally redone with some minor work done to other boxes.

January, February & March Programs Mrs. Vogel gave an overview of the programs that the Recreation Department was offering in the upcoming months.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Christy Watt asked about the infield at Jaycee park. Mr. Van Gorden said that he had met with Mike Watt and he mentioned that a private donor was considering putting field turn on the infield. Christy Watt mentioned that the field looks good right now.

Jeff Wilbert asked how the budget ended up for 2006. Mr. Van Gorden said the the Parks and Recreation Divisions were under budget and that Four Oaks was subsidized around \$50,000.00 and the Aquatic Center around \$55,000.00. Mr.

Van Gorden said that Four Oaks has to have more play because we don't want to raise fees.

Tanny Hanahan mentioned that in Independence, KS they let dogs swim in the pool at the end of the season. She said that they have between 50 & 60 owners bring pets and that they charge \$3.00 per dog. Mr. Van Gorden said that we have had requests and that we can call Chris Capps to see what the mess is like and if they have a problem with hair in the filter. Wilbert asked if the schools do any welcome back swim parties. Mr. Van Gorden said that we do have a PSU freshman day and that last year St. Mary's Colgan did have a swim party after a football scrimmage. He mentioned that all that would have to be taken in to consideration when making a decision about the dog swim.

Jeff Wilbert asked if some of the Legion baseball games could be played at PSU. Mr. Van Gorden said that Dr. Bryant has told us that the fields were for PSU only. Christy Watt mentioned that Frontenac has been great with letting Pittsburg teams use their field. Mr. Van Gorden explained the contract with the university for the use of the girls fields and noted that some girls fast pitch games are being played on our fields because they can not play enough games at the university.

With no further business to be discussed, Wilbert made a motion to adjourn at 4:46 pm and Hanahan seconded. The next meeting will be February 8, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel
Recreation Superintendent