

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting – April 14, 2011

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Bill Dickey (present)  
John Lair (present)  
Todd Loveland (present)  
Jerry Waltrip (not present)  
Christy Watt (present)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Sara Mitchell, Recreation Superintendent  
Tammy Edge, Operations Manager

**Guests:** KU Professor and Students

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 4:00 pm in B1 at Memorial Auditorium. Kim Vogel called the meeting to order with 4 members present. The February minutes were given to the board members for review. They were approved by John Lair, seconded by Todd Loveland and then approved by everyone.

Mr. Dickey wanted to thank Kim for the tour of all the parks and other locations that the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining. He was amazed by all of the grass and facilities that need to be maintained.

### **Old Business**

#### **Schlanger Park Master Plan Review**

Kim told the board that the PSU class did a good job putting together the master plan for Schlanger Park. She showed them their layout of ideas:

- Shelter and fence for train: quote for \$100,000 from American Construction, Historical KDOT Grant – 80/20, also backing from KCS and Watco
- Playground to replace the sand volleyball courts: assistance from Kiwanis/Pittsburg Beautiful
- Lighting examples for throughout the park
- Adult fitness modules along walking trail
- Skate Park, Todd Loveland is working on quotes to repair the ramps and concrete pad, move to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bike Park

Kim also mentioned the plans for a disc golf course in the park, which would have to work around the other features.

#### **Pritchett Trust Grants**

- \$6500.00 to the Downtown Christmas Lights (build new additions and repair tensile and replace bulbs)
- \$17,000 for updates to the train in Schlanger Park

### **Everybody Plays Playground Review**

Kim told the board that the area 4<sup>th</sup> graders did a change for Schlanger fundraiser and ended up raising \$800.90. The top class from each elementary school received a fun day in Schlanger Park with hot dogs and games. Other fundraisers coming up will be a hole in one contest at Four Oaks Golf Course on July 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Pre Med Gold Tournament and the Everybody Plays Golf Tournament scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Right now there is approximately \$22,000 in the bank and to begin the first section of the playground it would cost \$65,000.

### **Aquatic Center**

Kim told the board that 2 new diving boards were needed at the Aquatic Center and also that the frames needed some repairs. This should total around \$10,000 and that the money might come out of sales tax capital outlay money and not the Aquatic budget. Sara told the board members that she was starting the process of interviewing the guards and then training them.

### **Review March, April and May Programs**

Sara handed out the Spring and Summer program guides and then went over the programs with the board members.

Garage Sale – cancelled due to lack of participation

Babysitting Workshop – 25 participants – Sara would like to see this turned into a 2 day event with CPR Training included

Umpire Clinic – 4 participants - Cindy Burdick with over rules and regulations for umpires that will be working the adult softball leagues for the Parks and Recreation Department

Zumba – March – 34, April – 32

Karate – March – 15, April – 13

Tumbling – March – 11, April – 8

Spring Softball League – Coed – 16, Men – 12, numbers are a little down from 2010 League went well with no rainouts

Easter Egg Hunt – Over 7000 eggs were filled with candy and the event went well

Dog and Puppy Classes – Dog – 13, Puppy – 11

OK Kid's Day – PSU Class helped organize this event

Karate Tournament – This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the tournament

Hershey Track and Field – Scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> on the PSU Campus

14 & Under Baseball Tournament – This is a new tournament that will be offered

Kim asked John Lair about the Special Olympics League and he said they are looking at starting the first of June and will use one field for the league and 2 fields for the tournament.

### **Everybody Plays Playground Fundraisers**

#### Hole in One

Preliminary shots will take place on hole number #1 from 10am until 11:30am and the final shot will take place at noon on hole #10. Prize for a hole in one will either be

\$20,000 or a new car. Kim said that it has been advertised in the paper, flyers and posters.

#### Change for Schlanger

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from USD 250 will compete in a competition to raise change for a new playground at Schlanger Park. The winners will receive a day in the park filled with games and a hotdog lunch.

#### **Pritchett Grant**

Kim is going to put in for a Pritchett Grant for a shelter that will be placed over the train in Schlanger Park. Kim was told by different organizations that if we can better house the train in the park then more funding will be available to repaint and repair the train. PSU Spring class of 2012 would be able to build it if the Parks Department can come up with the money for the materials.

#### **KRONOS Time Clock**

The HR Department is looking into a time clock system that will be placed at the Aquatic Center to keep track of employee's time. Right now time is kept on a paper time sheet. Kim did not know where the money was coming from to fund the new time clock but was told that it would later be used throughout all City departments if it worked well.

Todd Loveland wanted to give a big hand to the Four Oaks Staff for the maintenance of the golf course. He played a couple of weeks ago and said that the course looked really good.

Bill Dickey brought up the concern of Stice Ballfield and it being so close to the busy road and maybe putting speed bumps throughout the complex so that drivers have to slow down to protect the children and adults walking across the complex road. Kim said that she would look into Bill's idea.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

There was a group from KU that attended the meeting and after the meeting they presented different projects that they had been working on for a class and competition for KRPA. Some of the board members stayed and gave their input on the student's projects. The projects were very creative and informative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Edge