

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Wilbert
 Elaine Castagno
 Pat Duncan
 Tanny Hanahan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bill Stobart

GUESTS PRESENT: John Van Gorden, Director
 Kim Vogel, Recreation Coordinator

The Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 4:00 pm 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 Thursday, August 12, 2004 meeting. Wilbert noted that his name was missing from the members present list for that meeting. Mrs. Vogel said she would add him. With no further corrections Castagno made a motion to approve the minutes and Duncan seconded.

The second order of business was to review the facility reports for all shelters and centers. Wilbert asked how the numbers compared with last year. Mrs. Vogel said that she would run last years numbers and send them out to the group before the next meeting.

The third order of business was to review the activity report from August and September. Hanahan asked if softball numbers were still going down. Mrs. Vogel stated that the number of men's teams remained the same as last year and the coed teams were up by six (6) teams. She said that the overall numbers for softball looked down because we ran a six (6) week program opposed to the eight (8) weeks that we had run. Wilbert asked if it was difficult to find umpires and Mrs. Vogel said that it wasn't hard to find them just hard to keep them throughout the seasons. Mrs. Vogel mentioned that Pittsburg Idol was left off the report but the program was a huge success. Discussion followed about the program.

There were no items from the floor

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON DERAMUS PARK

Mr. Van Gorden stated that the new playground equipment had been installed at the park and that PSU is starting on the shelter house which should be completed by Christmas. He also mentioned that there already has been some writing on the playground equipment.

UPDATE ON COUNTRYSIDE PARK

Mr. Van Gorden said that the Sunflower Kiwanis group had donated equipment for the park and that our employees had completed installing the equipment. He mentioned that the people that live in that area are very grateful to have the new equipment. Mr. Van Gorden said that the old equipment had been there since the park was donated back when Mr. Horton was director.

LITTLE BALKANS DAYS REVIEW

Mrs. Vogel gave an overview of the events that the Parks and Recreation Department sponsored during the weekend. She mentioned that all the events went well but that we might look at alternate times for some of them. She also noted that they had a Balkans board meeting on Wednesday and that the overall consensus was to keep the event downtown. Wilbert asked if there had been any reports from the police about the street dance. Mr. Van Gorden said he had not heard anything.

FEES AND CHARGES

Mr. Van Gorden asked the board to look over the current fees for our facilities. He said that the Department felt that things are in line and he didn't recommend raising prices at the aquatic center this year. He mentioned that there were some problems with season pass holders this year because they were unaware that the pool was not going to be open thru Labor Day weekend. Wilbert suggested making sure the pool hours and season are posted so everyone is aware when they purchase passes what the length of the season is. Mr. Van Gorden said that by late November or early December we needed to go to the commission if anything needed changed. Mr. Van Gorden asked the board if they thought the price of the aquatic center was too high. Wilbert, Castagno and Hanahan said no while Duncan said that he had heard some complaints about the cost. Mr. Van Gorden said that we would look at the prices of other pools in the area and bring the issue back up at the next meeting. He also said that previously a dollar day had been mentioned and that might be something to try.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Wilbert asked how the skate board park had been doing. Mr. Van Gorden said that it has been painted underneath and on top to help muffle the sound. He said that it is used daily and we are still looking into the possibility of moving the park to 23rd street. Wilbert asked when the overpass is supposed to be open. Mr. Van Gorden said by November 1st. Wilbert asked how kids get to the park. Mr. Van Gorden said that many of them skate there but some are dropped off there.

Hanahan mentioned that only one fountain was on at Lakeside Park. Mr. Van Gorden said that we would have someone look at it.

With no further business to be discussed, Castagno made a motion to adjourn at 4:44 pm and Hanahan seconded. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 11, 2004 in Lincoln Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Vogel

