

PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 6, 2015

Present: Mike Clendenen, Superintendent, Mike Marhenke, Leon Davis, Tom Fisher, Tonya Faupel, Teresea Hatten, Anna Gurney, Recreation Director, Andy Laughlin, Maintenance Director

1. There will be an Executive Session immediately following regular meeting to discuss property purchase.
2. Call to Order – Mike Marhenke called the July 6, 2015 Park Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.
3. Approval of Minutes- Leon Davis made a motion to approve the Park Board minutes from the June meeting with the aforementioned changes. Tonya Faupel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Claims- Tom Fisher made a motion to approve claims. Tonya Faupel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Budget-

- Superintendent Clendenen presented the 2016 budget for discussion. The City of New Haven's financial advisor Greg Gerritauz and Brenda Adams are recommending a 2016 wage increase for staff of 3 ½%. Superintendent Clendenen discussed different funds of the budget and their corresponding appropriations.
- Tonya Faupel made a motion to approve the proposed 2016 budget. Tom Fisher seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Flooding has kept the river greenway closed since June 16th. Moser Park and the Nature Center are have been flooded twice with much damage and standing water.
- Mike brought up the idea of selling pool passes half off the regular price for the end of season. After discussion, decided that this was not worth pursuing since the introduction of the 4 visit pre purchase pass. Also would like the Board to consider Military discounts for the 2016 season.
- Sunnymede property holds a ball diamond. The parking lot next to the diamonds is part of the old Sunnymede School. We do not own the parking lot, however, the quit claim deed from EACS states that do we do have access to parking lot, including an easement and parking. The new owner now wants to fence the entire property and restrict use of the parking lot. According to Attorney Doug Runyan, we have an easement and there is also a resolution from EACS Board that specifically allows use of the asphalt parking. Doug will be sending a letter that reiterates our right to park on the property.

- Sup. Clendenen commended the Jury Pool staff for their response to a possible back injury that took place at the pool. Turned out, all was well.

OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT:

Three resolutions were presented for the acceptance of donations.

- 1.) Trinity Wholesale Distributors, Inc. for Moser Park Nature Center Improvements (Project Learning Tree) in the amount of \$70.
- 2.) Troy Bennigan for a Memorial Brick for John Bennigan in the amount of \$40
- 3.) Melissa Palmer for 2 Memorial Bricks for Joe Cox and Jordan Palmer in the amount of \$140
 - Tonya Faupel made a motion to approve the three aforementioned resolutions. Teresa Hatton seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

RECREATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Farmers Market- the Farmers Market kicked off its 4th season on June 24th.
- Summer lunch Program- the Parks offers two sites, Meadowbrook and Schnelker, Community Harvest is the sponsor. There have been communication issues regarding Community Harvest but are currently working through them.
- Summer Programs are up and running, the rainy weather has created some issues but overall is going well.
- Fall programming- planning for the fall and winter programming is currently underway.
- Nature Center flooding- the Nature Center at Moser Park has flooded twice in June. This has resulted in the Center being closed for most of June and loss of most supplies and educational materials.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Andy reported that maintenance staff have not been able to fully assess greenway damage due to flooding. They have also not been able to complete the Schnelker Park patio due to the rainy June weather.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Strong storms and rainy weather have created many early closings at Jury this season. A large umbrella was destroyed in a storm.

Adjournment at 8:15pm

Attested By _____ Signed By _____

PARK BOARD Executive Session
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1. Mike Marhenke called the Executive Session to discuss property purchase to order at 8:20pm.

Property adjacent to Moser Park near the top of the hill and out of the flood plain has become available. The property contains a house and garage. Superintendent Clendenen feels that the Park Board should consider purchasing the property for future growth of the park and to have some property in the park that does not flood. Discussion Followed. The Board consensus was to not purchase additional property at this time.

Adjournment at 8:50pm