

Park Board Minutes

Scheduled Meeting

May 2, 2022

The Parks and Recreation Board met on Monday May 2, 2022 at the Recreation Center at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item # 1 Roll Call

Attendees: Michelle Hastings, Marc Betzelberger, George Johnson, Tony Cornish, Steve Taylor, Mary Grace Phillips, Ricky Overcast

Other Attendees: Mike Alsup, Trevor Freitas, Frances Simpson

Agenda Item # 2 Consideration of Additional items to Agenda

- No additional items to consider at this time

Agenda Item # 3 Consideration of Minutes: February 28, 2022

- Mark Betzelberger motion to approve
- Mary Grace Phillips second the motion
- Unanimous vote by the committee

Agenda Item # 4 Director's Report

Mike reported the following from the directors' report:

- Recreation attendance continues to increase including memberships which were 1893 in February and 1895 in March.
- Baseball and Tennis new lighting is almost complete and will be tested today 5-3-22.
- Glow 5k had over 60 participants
- District tennis tournament being held here with Community and Central High Schools.
- Youth basketball went well this year.
- Adult basketball had 6-7 team coming per week.
- Senior Olympics and programming had good attendance this year.
- The community garden has been doing well with a lot of activity.
- Parents Night Out brought in 50 kids
- Cupcake decorating classes are going well.

- Michelle has completed her LGI training in order to be able to train the in coming lifeguards.
- Swim lesson classes are full at this time
- Dog Park will be done on 5-3-22 and ribbon cutting will be coming soon. Michelle asked if dog shot records are required. Mike stated we cannot oversee that type of service, so records will not be a requirement. It will be an unsupervised area.
- Batting cage is open, but we are waiting on one more new hire.
- Pickle ball is going well, the beginners are playing inside and seasoned players are playing outside.
- Aquatics had an Easter Egg Hunt
- Playground surfacing has a chunk coming out of it by the side walk and had to be repaired, because it was sinking.

Agenda Item # 5 Old Business

A. LPRF Grant Consideration, Tennis Complex Addition

Mike recommended placing two or more courts between the Recreation Center and current tennis courts with a pavilion. Mike stated the grant is only available on even years. The grant will be due by the end of August two years prior to the work starting. The grant will be a 50/50 financial split and you can ask for up to a million dollars. Marc suggested adding some additional pickleball courts to the new courts. Mike thought it was a good solution and will check on sizing for the pickleball courts. Mike asked for the Park Board recommendation to move this item to Council.

- Mark Betzelberger motion to approve
- Mary Grace Phillips second the motion
- Unanimous vote by the committee

Agenda Item # 6 New Business

A. Youth Sports Volunteers' Background Check Policy

Mike made the Park Board committee aware during COVID-19 there wasn't any background checks being completed, and now that the backgrounds are being done correctly there has been a few coaches are no longer allowed to coach, due to the results. Mike stated the Recreation Department mirrors NRPA policy, which was approved by Park Board and Council in 2012. The attached resolution is the guide used in determining how long a coach has to wait to coach, which depends on the type of felony/misdemeanor they were charged. Mike recommended keeping the current resolution. Park Board agreed the current resolution should stay in place.

Agenda Item # 7 Additional Items to Agenda

- Marc asked if there was any COVID money the city could use for some improvements at the park? Mike stated he would discuss with the City Manager.

Agenda Item # 8 Adjournment

- Adjournment motioned by: Tony Cornish
- Second by: Marc Betzelberger

Minutes By: Frances Simpson