PARKS ♦ RECREATION

Park Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts & Recreation Center

Park Board present: Beth Admire, Michael Auger and Ted Server
Staff Present: Chip Orner, Superintendent, Rocky Stultz, Asst. Superintendent, Tena Stahlhut, Business Services Director, Park Board Attorney J. Andrew Woods
Guests: Gary Petersen, Beth O'Brien, Sharon Thompson, Gary Moody, Brian Burton

1. **Call to order**
   The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ted Server at 7:00 pm.

2. **Public Comments**
   Mr. Gary Petersen asked for a staff member to volunteer to help with the Arbor Day celebration in conjunction with the Forestry Foundation. Mr. Petersen was interested in a potential tribute poster highlighting the rebirth of Province Park for its 100th year anniversary. Board member Beth Admire volunteered to help with this endeavor.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   a. A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to approve the Oct. 20, 2008 meeting minutes. The board unanimously approved.
   b. Michael Auger moved to approve all claims. It was seconded by Beth Admire. The board unanimously approved and signed all claims.

4. **Old Business**
   There was no old business to discuss.

5. **New Business**
   a. Request for reimbursement of membership fees
   Mr. Gary Moody, Franklin resident, addressed the Board with requests for reimbursement of his membership fees and wanted to discuss a list of demands he had submitted to the Board. He had been banned from the Parks properties in June 2008 and is seeking monetary compensation from the Board of his previously paid membership fees as well as additional compensation to him and his immediate family. After a lengthy discussion the Board denied Mr. Moody's request for reimbursement of membership fees and all other demands he had submitted to the Board for review. Mr. Moody was reminded he is no longer banned from the Parks Department or Park properties. A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to deny all of Mr. Moody's demands. The board unanimously approved.

   b. 2009 Fees & Charges
   Chip Orner, Superintendent presented the proposed fee schedule for admission and annual membership rates as well as facility and park rentals for 2009. He explained there were structured charges and a discount would apply to a Franklin city resident. Franklin residents would also be allowed first choice on early rental dates. A motion was made by Beth Admire and seconded by Michael Auger to accept the fee schedule proposals. The board unanimously approved.

c. Meeting dates for 2009

A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to keep the Board meetings on the 3rd Monday on the month with the exception of Jan. 26 and Feb. 23, 2009. The board unanimously approved.

d. Park Rules & Regulations

A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to accept the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department Park Safety Rules as amended and was seconded by Beth Admire. The board unanimously approved.

6. Reports

a. Administration

1. **<u>Grant update for Trail extension</u>** – Upper Shelbyville Road

Chip has been in contact with the Schneider Corporation. The construction should begin spring on 2009, weather permitting.

2. **<u>Flood Damage Progress Report</u>** - All appropriate information has been turned in to FEMA. Monies will be used to move all the softball programs to the Scott Park Sports Complex. Permission from FEMA was needed to put in split rail fencing to replace the existing PVC fencing.

b. Recreation & Community Events

1. Chip reported that the Multicultural Festival was a huge success. Next year it may need to expand into the gymnasium to accommodate the vendors and guests.

c. Parks & Facilities

1. **<u>Scott Park Improvement Plan</u>**

Rocky Stultz, Assistant Superintendent is currently meeting with Little League and the High School softball and baseball representatives. The administrative procedures for ball field and complex rentals is being evaluated and put in place.

2. **<u>Province Park Improvement Plan</u>**

Chip presented a quote from Parkreation for a shelter house in Province Park to be placed where the former women's softball diamond was. A motion was made by Beth Admire and seconded by Michael Auger to construct a shelter house on the old site of the women's softball field and accept the quote from Parkreation in the amount of $20,945.00. The monies for the shelter will be from the donated funds from Dr. William Province II. The board unanimously approved. Chip also discussed the location of the proposed dog park in Province Park. It will be placed where the men's diamond once was. The board agreed by consensus with the location.

3. <u>Wonder Five Center Gymnasium Repairs</u>

Chip requested the Board approve the proposal from A & H Athletic Flooring for the repairs to the Wonder Five Center gymnasium that was damaged from the flooding. A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to accept the proposal from A & H Athletic Flooring to refinish the gymnasium floor at the Wonder Five Center. The board unanimously approved. The project will begin Dec. 15 and be completed by Jan. 5, 2009.

4. <u>Branigin Woods Park</u>

Chip discussed an additional issue at Branigin Woods Park. A sidewalk for access to the park had been constructed directly on a homeowners' property and had to be removed. A new pathway will need to be constructed to the park in the spring.

5. <u>Franklin Action Park</u>

Chip informed the Board that we are still waiting to hear from FEMA to determine the amount of monies that will be available to reconstruct the skate park. Staff is beginning to talk with skate park equipment vendors to determine replacement of equipment and fencing and a time schedule for replacement by spring 2009.

6. **Beeson Hall - Sound improvement**

Chip presented a proposal to upgrade the sound system in Beeson Hall. A motion was made by Beth Admire and seconded by Michael Auger to spend $7,200.00 for a new sound system in Beeson Hall. The board unanimously approved.

7. **Swimming Pool**

Chip presented the Board with a proposal from Spear Corporation for the renovation of the swimming mechanical room. Work includes installing an automatic pool chemistry controller, new chlorinator, flow meters, and new pH control system. A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to accept the proposal from Spear Corporation for the mechanical room upgrades at the pool in the amount of $11,450.00.

d. **Financial report** – Chip presented the financial report to the Board and informed the Board that according to our projections and the Clerk-Treasurer's Office projections, we will make it through the end of the year without the need to request a loan to cover our cash flow. A tax draw is expected in December.

7. Park Board Comments -

None

8. Adjournment : A motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss at 8:35 pm. The Board unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Dec. 15, 2008