Park Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts & Recreation Center

Park Board present: Beth Admire, Michael Auger, Ted Server
Staff present: Chip Orner-Superintendent, Rocky Stultz-Assistant Superintendent
Guests: None

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

2. **Election of officers**
   Nominations for President were Pam Ault. Pam Ault was elected 3 to 0. Ted Server was nominated for Vice President and was elected 3 to 0. Beth Admire was nominated for Secretary and was elected 3 to 0. Michael Auger was selected as representative to the Franklin Plan Commission.
   President: Pam Ault
   Vice President: Ted Server
   Secretary: Beth Admire
   Member: Mike Auger – Plan Commission representative

3. **Announcements & Presentations**
   None

4. **Public Comments**
   None

5. **Consent Agenda**
   a. A motion was made by Beth Admire and seconded by Mike Auger to approve the December 15, 2008 meeting minutes. The board unanimously approved.
   b. All claims were approved and signed.

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

7. **New Business**
   a. Trail Easement & Right-of-Way: Upper Shelbyville Road
   Chip explained that the easement paperwork for the property the School Board gave permission for the Greenway Trail extension to extend along Upper Shelbyville Road was never signed back in the spring of 2007, when

the School Board granted the easement. The Board signed the easement paperwork.

b. FY 2008 Financial Report

Chip presented the 2008 financial report to the Board for review. A discussion was held regarding the financial report.

8. Reports

a. Administration

1. Impact Fee Review Board Meeting

Chip informed the Park Board that the next Park Impact Fee Review Board meeting was scheduled for February 12 at the Recreation Center.

b. Recreation/Special Events

1. Farmers Market

Chip reviewed with Board the 2008 farmers market program and informed the Board that the 2009 farmers market would be in the same locations as last year. The Wednesday market will be held on East Court Street and the Saturday market will be held on West Court Street, pending approval for the street closures from the County Commissioners and Board of Public Works.

2. Community Events

Chip informed the Board of upcoming community events including the Daddy Daughter Dance, Mon & Son Rockin Bowl, Ethos Art Show and Hands on the Arts Day. He also stated that the Discover Scuba Day at the High School pool was very successful. He also informed the Board that the new Community Swim program at the Middle School pool was averaging 70+ attendance the last couple of weeks.

c. Parks/Facilities

1. FEMA related park projects update

Chip stated that we are still working through the final stages of the FEMA reimbursement process and that many projects had already been funded. Most of the work would take place this spring when the weather permits. There were some projects that have already been completed within the last month including the Wonder Five Center gymnasium floor project.

2. Scott Park renovation

Chip reported on the status of the construction of Scott Park. Rocky stated he has been working with Little League Baseball and the Boys & Girls Club T-Ball program on scheduling games at the newly renovated park this spring.

3. Province Park update

Chip informed the Board that we have received the new shelter house for Province Park and that we are soliciting bids for the installation of the shelter house, to be completed no later than May 1. A discussion was held on the creek bank restoration project in Province Park near the South Street entrance of the park. A discussion was also held about the dog park and the planned opening of the dog park this spring. The park restrooms are scheduled to be renovated this spring as the weather permits.

d. **Swimming Pool**
   1. **Project Update**

   Chip explained to the Board that the mechanical room renovation at the swimming pool has been scheduled for mid-February. The work includes a new automated chemical controller, new chlorinator, new chemical feed systems, new flow meters and new acid feeder system.

   The Board discussed the need to upgrade the waterslide and tot-play area, this spring if possible. The Board directed the staff to research options on upgrading the water slide and tot-play areas this spring to increase attendance and revenue as well as increase the attraction value of the swimming pool. A discussion was held on different funding options for the new swimming pool features including leasing options for the waterslide complex and tot-play area.

e. **Financial report**

   Chip presented the monthly financial report and discussed the increase in revenue in facility memberships and fitness center memberships.

9. **Park Board Comments**

Mike asked about the skate park and where we were in regards to the replacement of the facility. Chip and Rocky both discussed the different skate park options that have been examined and stated they would be ready to solicit bids in late February.

10. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mike Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss. The Board unanimously approved.

<u>Next meeting</u>: Monday, March 23, 2009