Park Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts & Recreation Center

Park Board present: Beth Admire, Michael Auger, Pam, Ault, Ted Server
Staff present: Chip Orner-Superintendent, Rocky Stultz-Assistant Superintendent
Guests: David Stall,

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by President Pam Ault at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**
   None

3. **Public Comments**
   David Stall, resident near Palmer Park appeared before the Board with questions regarding Palmer Park and the possible acquisition of property next to Palmer Park tennis courts. He had questions regarding the future development of the Palmer Park area. Chip stated that Meechee VanCleave approached the department regarding the Park Board purchasing the house next to the tennis court in Palmer Park. Chip recommended to the Board that the Board not pursue the purchase of the property at this time. The Board agreed by consensus.

4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. A motion was made by Mike Auger and seconded by Beth Admire to approve the April 6, 2009 meeting minutes and claims as presented. The board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**
   a. Ratify exclusive soft drink contract – Chip stated that he and Sharon Hood, Recreation Director negotiated a new 5-year contract with Pepsi. We received a proposal from Coca-Cola as well however, staff negotiated a better agreement with Pepsi. Chip requested that the Board ratify the contract that was signed by Superintendent Chip Orner. Beth made a motion to approve the new 5-year contract with Pepsi. Ted seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

   b. Splash Pad/Waterslide Project – Chip informed the Board that Tim Holmes is still continuing to work on the leasing options for the new waterslide for the pool. Janet Alexander is also working on financing options. Chip stated he will present more information to the Board as soon as its available. Chip did present a few possible designs for the new waterslides.

d. Greenway Trail expansion- Chip informed the Board that The Schneider Corporation is finalizing the bid documents and preparing for the pre-bid meeting and bid acceptance period. Bid opening will be in late June and will be handled by The Schneider Corporation and staff.

Beth recommended that staff update the Greenway Trail map and update the parks web site to clearly show the mileage of the entire Greenway Trail

6. New Business
None

7. Reports

a. Administration

1. 2010 Budget

Chip informed the Board that the 2010 budget is ready to be submitted and includes no increases in any category. Ted made a motion to approve the 2010 budget as submitted and Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Recreation/Special Events

1. Farmers Market

Chip informed the Board that the Farmers Market will operate the same way as in 2009. West Court Street on Wednesdays and East Court Street on Saturdays.

2. Fireworks Celebration

Chip informed the Board that the plans for the July 4th Celebration are being finalized and the event will be held on Saturday, July 4th at the Indiana Masonic Home Circle.

c. Parks/Facilities

1. Wonder Five Center Gymnasium Air-Conditioning Project

Chip stated that we have a proposal for the installation of the air conditioning from ACE Air for a cost of $31,656. Additional electrical work will be needed to upgrade the electric as well. Chip recommended that we pay for the installation from two sources. First, approach the City Council to appropriate $19,875 from the park non-reverting capital fund and take the remaining funds from the Ath & Rec Fund. Mike made a motion to accept the proposal from ACE Air as presented. Beth seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Scott Park renovation

Chip reported that renovations were complete at Scott Park. There will be additional work completed on the men's diamond in the fall after the playing season is complete. The grand opening of the park was April 25.

3. Province Park renovations

Chip informed the Board that the new shelter house construction is complete and the playground has been installed on the west side of the park. New swing sets have been installed on both sides of the park and several other renovations have been completed. He encouraged the Board to drive through the park and take a look at the new park renovations. Chip did inform the board that the road coming from S. Home Avenue was resurfaced as well.

4. Community Park
Chip updated the Board on the Community Park tennis courts and basketball court resurfacing project. The work should be completed by the end of June. Chip stated that this is the last FEMA related project from the June 2009 flood.

5. Skate Park
Chip updated the Board on the Skate Park replacement project and that the project would be completed by May 22. Pam stated she wanted to have a discussion about not replacing the skate park if it is ever vandalized by anyone.

d. Swimming Pool
1. Opening
Chip reported to the Board that the swimming pool will be opening Saturday, May 23.

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

8. Park Board comments
None

9. 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.

Next meeting: Monday, June 22, 2009