



Noblesville Parks and Recreation Board Minutes January 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Minnich, Donna Clark, Todd Thurston, Marcia Granger, and Scott Noel.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Bennett, Director; Mike Hoffmeister, Assistant Director; Susie Davis, Recreation Director; Gary Deakyne, Golf Professional; Nichole Haberlin, incoming Recreation Director; and Craig Pittman of the Noblesville United Soccer Club.

CALL TO ORDER: President Minnich called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Minnich asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. President Minnich asked for the approval of the Agenda, with Craig Pittman of the Noblesville United Soccer Club moved up in the agenda to after Reports. Mr. Thurston moved to approve the Agenda with the change and Ms. Granger seconded this motion. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 5, 2014 Board Meeting. President Minnich asked for the approval of the December 5, 2014 minutes. It was moved to approve the minutes as presented and seconded. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

2015 BOARD ORGANIZATION: President Minnich asked for a presentation of a slate of the names of officers and board appointments for the 2015 Park Board. A motion was made to accept the following members for board leadership:

1. President – Todd Thurston
2. Vice-President – Marcia Granger
3. Secretary - Sherry Faust
4. Board Representative to the Plan Commission for 2015 – Scott Noel

The motion was made and seconded. No further discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thurston took over leadership of the Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL:

1. **Approval of Claims for** January 13 and January 27, 2015. These were sent out in the packets. Discussion was held. Ms. Minnich moved to approve the claims as presented. Ms. Clark seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Transfers and Appropriations:** None

REPORTS

- **Recreation Report – Susie Davis**

Ms. Davis asked if there were any questions on the December Recreation Report shared with the Board. Numbers were up and new programs were added in

December. Some of these were free of charge by Parks staff, and another was a fee based event. New Art classes are set to start in January.

Nichole Haberlin was introduced as the incoming new Recreation Director. She was asked interesting questions from the Board regarding her choice of career and decision in choosing Noblesville, along with her goals for the next few months. Mr. Thurston gave her a hearty welcome from the Parks Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NOBLESVILLE UNITED SOCCER CLUB REQUEST

Mr. Pittman, Recreation Director for NUSC, addressed the Board with the need for the Soccer Club to secure winter facilities, for year round soccer play. They are looking into a winter soccer facility on the existing property under 12,000 sq. feet, so as to not be required to install a sprinkler system. The location of most interest does not take up current field space, and would be erected near the existing buildings, providing easy access from the current parking lots. NUSC has partners interested in this venture. Clear Span would construct the building of steel and fabric – all open space without interior support structures. American Structurepoint wants to run the construction of the facility for them. Indy Premier Soccer, specifically Jamie Wood, will help with layout. The building would be 100 ft. by 110 ft., and be the Noblesville recreation teams' facility. Discussion by the group followed. Anticipated costs are:

Clear Span \$247,000

Turf & Net \$85,000

Natural gas \$13,000

Detailed discussion followed. Mr. Pittman did share that the facility could be moved and/or expanded, once erected. Mr. Bennett noted that this would be a benefit to the Parks Department. Mr. Pittman said this spring the Club anticipates serving 900-1200 children, and the indoor facility might be ready to be used in the fall. Mr. Thurston reminded the group that Mr. Pittman's reason for bringing this to the Board was for the approval of investigating these options. Mr. Bennett mentioned that impact fees might be able to be used for restrooms on the site. More discussion followed. Mr. Pittman reported that the Club has \$225,000 available to get started. A motion was made by Mr. Noel to allow the Noblesville United Soccer Club to take the next step to securing an indoor facility on the current site. The motion was seconded by Ms. Minnich and approved unanimously by the Board.

REPORTS

- **Assistant Director Report – Mike Hoffmeister**

Mr. Hoffmeister reported that the Indiana Parks and Recreation Assn. Annual Conference is next week. Mr. Hoffmeister is the incoming President of the group. Looking ahead to 2015, event meetings are getting underway for the year's activities. The Bowl-a-thon is scheduled for February 28. Today was the deadline for Concert sponsorship renewals from 2014. Ms. Davis' retirement party is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 9 from 3-6pm in the Inn. An advertising meeting with the agency that does business with the Parks is scheduled for Thursday at 10am.

- **Director of Golf Report – Gary Deakyne**

Mr. Deakyne distributed the final golf report for 2014. The weather was the biggest factor in 2014. Mr. Deakyne included a Foot Golf report, which brought in \$4591.17. He shared stories of those trying it out, and reported that carts are simply not useful when playing Foot Golf. He shared an explanation of the Golf Report, and Park income. Mr. Bennett is looking to transition the Parks taking on the risk of the golf operation rather than Mr. Deakyne. He would like to make Mr. Deakyne a salaried employee of the City and the Parks assume the risk of the golf division. Mr. Deakyne assured the Board that his role would not change if he were to become a salaried employee. Foot Golf and those rates were discussed by the group. Mr. Deakyne will roll out party packages March 15.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Fox Prairie capital improvements:

Bridges will be in place while the ground is frozen. Tree removal is complete. The DuPont settlement is on DuPont's timetable.

2. Ivy Tech Update:

There is no change on the delay due to fire suppression. The proposed name for our partnership is "Ivy Tech & Rec". Discussion followed on programming.

3. Federal Hill Park Update:

Mr. Bennett shared an extensive explanation of plans to this date.

4. Recreation Impact Fee Update:

Mr. Bennett reported Tuesday night (Jan. 13) is the second reading and hopefully the final approval of the impact fee.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Employee Benefit Ordinance

Mr. Bennett shared the process of the ordinance. There are a lot of questions, and problems in administration of the current ordinance which was passed in 1974. Ms. Minnich asked about the process. Suggested changes (see attached) to the ordinance have been sent to Mike Howard for his wording and implementation of the ordinance. Mr. Bennett will follow up with Mr. Howard, once approved by this board, to find out timing of when the suggested changes might be in front of council. Discussion followed. Ms. Minnich made a motion to approve the employee benefit ordinance as presented. Ms. Granger seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board.

3. 2015 Golf Revenue Distribution

Ms. Minnich made the motion that Golf Revenue be distributed 100% into the 110-01 account. Ms. Granger seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. Eastside Park Lease Tenant Update

Over the holidays, the contractor who manages the Lease of the home on Eastside park property called Mr. Bennett and informed him of the decision of the tenant to leave the property by mid-January. The Parks' tenant planned to vacate the property

January 15, 2015. He was behind on rent as well. The Board must now decide what to do with the Boden homestead. Discussion followed regarding insurance and liability in the case of squatters, etc. Mr. Thurston asked if there was interest in fixing it up, which there is not. There is no historical significance in the building. The contractor did say that someone is interested in the outdoor kitchen. It was asked if it would be useful as a construction office. However, the septic system is unworkable. The assessed value is not known. Mr. Bennett will bring more information on this to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Bennett thanked the Board for its support during his first year as Parks Director.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Noel made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Granger seconded this motion. President Thurston adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted


Susie Davis, Secretary Pro Tem

Approved


Todd Thurston, President

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 7PM Fox Prairie Golf Course, Conference Room.