

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 4th , 2012
6:30 P.M.
Arnold Recreation Center**

Roll Call: Dave Lane, Gary Plunk, Brian Waldrop, Heather Wegge, Bob Furkin, Bill Moritz, Tim Schwierjohn, Susie Boone, Paul Freese, Sandy Kowanacki, Susie Boone, Dave Crutchley, Teresa Kohut

Excused: Cricky Lang, Gary Luebbers

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Gary Plunk and seconded by Brian Waldrop to approve minutes. No amendments. Minutes approved unanimously.

Business from the floor:

New Business:

- A. **Recommend and approve remaining CIP fund projects for Pomme Creek Golf Course:** Staff stated that the CIP funds must be used during this fiscal year or will be unavailable. Tim and Bob discussed the different items that have been suggested by staff for improvements. Handouts were distributed regarding the items and discussion was held by the park board.

Points of inquiry and observation were:

Bill Moritz asked if the carpet budget included the downstairs area and Susie responded that it did not include the downstairs area.

Susie requested that ideas concerning the spending of the CIP funds be emailed to her from the Park Board Members.

Bill Moritz said he would like to see improvements made to the bridge at hole #11. Also, he asked that the steps behind the tee at #17 be repaired. He said it was not safe to leave those as they are.

Tim Schwierjohn said he has two steel posts that he will pier and fill the area with concrete and drape a chain across the area.

Staff stated that a Comfort Station would cost about \$30,000 to put on the golf course.

Sandy Kowanacki asked if that was a restroom?

Staff stated that it was.

Staff reported that the cost of the current port-a-pots is \$135 per month with services twice a month. Brian Waldrop has suggested looking at a metal toilet with vault.

Bill Moritz would like to see the Port-a-pots changed out.

Gary Plunk said the club house certainly needs a new door and awning and certainly needs a lift. Bill Moritz agreed.

Dave Lane asked about the use and function of the current cooler. Staff explained that it was to house Pepsi products only.

Gary Plunk suggested possibly using a small truck that he has seen used at other golf courses that you could put a small dump on the front of it.

Bill Moritz asked if we could rent an aerator instead of purchasing one. Tim Schwierjohn discussed the pros of having one that could be used on an ongoing basis and the benefits to the golf course.

Brian Waldrop asked how often aeration was recommended. Tim Schwierjohn explained that the course has only been aerated once in the last 25 years but that it was very useful in improving the smoothness of the grass and reduces compaction by the golf carts.

Bill Moritz asked that the details of this report and requests be included to City Council.

- B. Review of City Park projects:** Dave Crutchley reported that the grading on the roads at Arnold City Park would be done this week to allow better drainage of water. Rock will be put in at the dog park at Arnold City Park on the side for larger dogs. Backfilling on the trail will also be completed this coming week.
- C. July 4th update:** Staff reported that we have 3-4 food vendors which will open at 4 p.m. and fireworks will be at approximately 9 p.m. The band Joe Dirt will play from 7-11p.m.
- D. Program updates:** Staff reported that our swim lessons are very busy and currently have a waiting list. Boot Camp continues to be a very strong program and we have 61 registered in Day Camp. Susie reported that Molly will be back part-time next week

Old Business:

A. Outdoor pool: Dave Crutchley reported that the outdoor pool had a smooth opening. The new blue matt for the splash ground was installed prior to opening and seems to be getting a lot of use. New fans were added in the outdoor pool bathrooms. Staff reported that the outdoor pool opened a weekend early due to the hot weather conditions and the fact that the pool was ready early. Training for the outdoor pool staff took place at the same time as opening. The lockers have also been updated and are now lockable.

B. Pomme Creek Usage: Bob Furkin reported that business is brisk. Paul Freese commented that he has heard several compliments on Pomme Golf Course. Gary Plunk mentioned that he has seen a lot of new young people at the golf course. Bill Moritz asked if there was something that could be done to improve the sponsorship posts at the tees. He would like to see something more permanent rather than a piece of paper. Gary Plunk suggested having different fees for more prestigious tees. He suggested paying more for the front nine than the back nine holes. Also, possibly posting the sponsors in the clubhouse as a way of thanking the sponsors and increasing visibility.

C. Revenues: Staff reported that Pomme Creek Revenues are up \$38,000 for the year and revenues are up \$47,000 for the Arnold Recreation Center.

Susie Boone reported that a committee has been formed to work on details for the new property recently acquired by the City which is located behind Ferd B. Lang Park. Staff reported there are some asbestos issues and the acquisition of the new property would allow for a re-vamp of the park. Staff reported that the committee would come back with a plan for the park and bring it to the Parks and Leisure Services Board before it proceeds. Discussion by Brian Waldrop and Bill Moritz concerning funding for a clean-up of the area with suggestions concerning the possibility of the National Guard clearing and cleaning up the area. Susie Boone said she would send out an email with information concerning the progress of the committee.

Next meeting date: August 6th, 6:30 p.m. at Arnold Recreation Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Plunk and seconded by Brian Waldrop

Respectfully submitted,

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