

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, August 11, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by Curt Stepanek.

Roll Call: Members Present: Curt Stepanek, Audrey Stowell, Heidi Hoekstra, Dale Berg, and Carmen Muenich. Absent: Beth Arneberg and Susan Zukowski.

Staff present: Dick Hebert and Bill Faherty.

- 2) Approval of July 14, 2009, Minutes: **Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Curt Stepanek, all present voting aye, to approve minutes of the July 14, 2009, meeting.**

- 3) Personal Appearances: None.

- 4) Communications.

- a. AODA Picnic – Sept. 15. Bill Faherty distributed letter written on behalf of Chippewa County AODA Coalition. They are having a community picnic Celebrating Recovery on September 15 from 4:30 to 7:00. Discussion regarding reviewing policies for reservations.
- b. Application for Softball Tournament – Wrestling Club. Bill presented information regarding Wrestling Club's softball tournament application. This is a fund-raising event for the Wrestling Club held Sept. 25-27. Discussed necessity of presenting applications to Board for approval.
- c. Pathways Charity Event. Bill distributed event proposal as presented by Pathways. Discussion regarding concerns of having a bike race through the park, reserving a shelter, and course path. Bill will discuss with Pathways to make sure they have enough people to monitor intersections, etc.

- 5) Discuss / consider security system for Zoo & Parks. No report.

- 6) Update on Current Projects.

- a. Canine Leisure Area. Curt Stepanek reported that the DNR has given the go ahead to use the pond area off South Avenue. This was preferred mostly because of the existing fence. The plan is to have a small dog fenced area also. Funds will need to be raised for the gate system being contemplated to avoid loose dogs. Permits will be required, and it is expected to be self-policing.

- b. Bobcat Exhibit Phase 2. Painting, nets, and windows are left. Completion date is up in the air. Receipt of partial distribution from estate will be necessary to pay for windows.

- c. Kell's Corner in Irvine Park. No report.

- d. Community Gardens at Marshall Park. No report.

- e. Compliance with Title XIV (pool drain). This will need to be done next spring before the pool opens.

- f. Purchase of Land at Casper Park. The City has been contacted by Jody Kvapil, owner of two lots next to the house at Casper Park. He wonders if the City would

like to purchase the lots for \$25,900 per lot. The lots are approximately 1 acre each. After discussion, **motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to approve application to DNR for possible grant to purchase additional lots at Casper Park.**

7) 2010 Budget. Bill Faherty reports that the budget is being worked on. Many ideas are being tossed about. He has turned in the operations budget.

8) Donation Fund Report. No significant donations given this month.

Dale Berg left at this time.

9) Discuss/consider Recreation Program report.

a. Outdoor Swimming Pool. No report.

b. Summer Activities. No report.

c. Approve Adult Sports Fees for Basketball/Volleyball. Dick Hebert presents recommendations for raising team fees for the Men's Basketball program to offset raise in minimum wage for scorekeepers. **Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to raise the team fee for Men's basketball program to \$300.00 as recommended and presented by Dick Hebert.**

10) Discuss/consider Personnel Report. Bill reports that the seasonal employees will all be gone by the end of the month. The petting zoo will be closing on August 28.

11) Discuss/consider Friends of Irvine Park Zoo Report. No report.

12) Discuss/consider Parks Maintenance Report.

a. Irvine Park.

1. Native Tree Trail. Bill indicates that he's received lots of compliments on the Native Tree Trail. The day care kids use it to get to the Main Pavilion, which keeps them off the main road.

2. Shelters. The new shelters are either done or nearly done.

b. Casper Park.

1. Main Shelter. Purchase of unmovable picnic tables discussed.

2. Batting Cages. These will be put up next spring.

3. Bleachers & Press box at Gannon field. Bill has ordered the press box. Price was \$64,000. It will be unattached from bleachers.

4. Signs. Bill discussed having pictures and history information of Caspers placed on building next year. Dick mentions that Laramie and Murphy Fields should have signs also. .

c. Neighborhood Parks. Carmen asks about selling the neighborhood parks that are no longer being used. Specifically, the Loffler Court and Garden Street parks could be sold. Bill will place on agenda to discuss next month.

13) Discuss/Consider Board Member comments or concerns. None.

**14) Approve Claims. Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Curt Stepanek, all present voting aye, to approve claims of \$32,628.23.**

**15) Adjournment. Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to adjourn.**

16) Annual Picnic Held.

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary