

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Marty Judd, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Terry Senger and Richard Wood. Staff members in attendance were: James Bell, Parks and Recreation Director and Bethany Brewer, Recreation Intern. Mr. Wood stated that he would need to excuse himself from the meeting, prior to 6:00 PM, due to a school commitment.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The July meeting minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Revenue/Expense Report (June 2012): Jim Bell reviewed the June operations and expense report (attached). Mr. Bell commented that the unseasonably mild winter/spring had been a boost to the golf operations; golf rounds through July 2012 are 33,966 rounds, compared to 28,123 (2011). The hot summer weather had been a boost to the aquatic center operations and the efficiencies implemented within the Marsh Park operation continued to pay dividends.

Field of Dreams/Miracle League Fields Agreement: Jim Bell reported that the July 28th grand-opening of the Hatton Park/Field of Dreams recreation complex was a success. Jim Bell stated that there was an item under new business, Miracle League Fields Agreement, for the Board's review. Mr. Bell reminded that Board of the initial agreement (February 2012) for the operation of the facility was between the City and the Therapeutic Recreation for the Disabled, Inc. and the Fairfield Community Foundation, DBA Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund. Subsequently, the Therapeutic Recreation for the Disabled, Inc., and the Fairfield Community Foundation, DBA Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund mad a decision to establish a 501 c 3 organization (The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields, Inc.) for the operation of the facility. Therefore, it was necessary for the Board to approve the new agreement, since the entities had changed. There were no substantive changes in the agreement and it is similar to the agreements between the City and other youth sports organizations, which operate youth sports programs on city property. Resolution 2012-09, under new business, reflected the changes. Mr. Bell also stated that due to the timing of the summer City Council schedule, City Council had reviewed this item at their meeting of August 13, 2012, one day prior to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Huffman Park Update: Jim Bell reported that the project was progressing and a grand-opening ceremony date had been finalized with the Huffman family. The grand opening ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012.

September Parks and Recreation Board Meeting: Jim Bell stated that at a previous Board meeting, there had been a brief discussion of whether the Board's meeting in September would be held on the traditional second Tuesday of the month, since that was Patriot Day (September 11th). After discussing the matter, the Board decided to move their September Board meeting to the first Tuesday in September, September 4th.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Mr. Terry Senger reported that City Council had its second reading on the proposed Kroger Fuel Station at Pleasant/Nilles. Mr. Senger stated that City Council would conduct the third/final reading and vote at the September 24, 2012 Council meeting. Mr. Senger stated that City Council had requested that the Kroger Corporation provide a safety/traffic impact study of the area, prior to the September 24th meeting, since several members of Council had safety/traffic concerns. Doctor Goodman stated that he had observed speeding on Nilles/River Road; Mr. Senger said that he would pass along Doctor Goodman's concerns to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Wood excused himself from the meeting.

Planning Commission Update: Mr. Bob Myron reported the Planning Commission's past agenda items have included several fence variances in the Olde Winton and Village Green subdivisions; the construction of the Dollar General Store (Patterson/River Road) and a PUD request in Emerald Lakes subdivision.

Environmental Commission Update: Mr. Bob Breen reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet in August.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Doctor Goodman reported that the CAAC's past agenda items had included the Sun Bonnet Days Festival, the Community Arts Center Day, and the upcoming 2012/2013 season.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Golf Championships: Mr. Meece reported that the City Golf Championships were conducted the week of July 23rd; Women's Championship (July 25th), Senior's Championship (July 26th) and Men's Championship (July 28th – 29th). Approximately 208 golfers participated in the Championships.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2012-09: It was moved and seconded to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Field, Inc., for the operation of the Field of Dreams recreation complex on Groh Lane. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Interviews for Advisory Committees: Jim Bell reported that two of the three citizens that had submitted applications and scheduled interviews this evening for the vacancies on the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission and the Environmental Commission were unable to attend. One resident had removed his name from consideration, due to increased work commitments (James Jonson); and one resident had a work commitment this evening, but would like to be interviewed at a subsequent date (Roberta Miller). Each commission has one vacancy. The Board interviewed Mr. Charles Ullrich for the

vacant positions. Following the interview, the Board recommends to City Council that Mr. Ullrich be appointed to the Environmental Commission. Mr. Bell will notify the City Council of the Board's recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 5:30 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary