

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Doug Meece, Bob Breen, Debbie Pennington, Billy Smith and Rodney Spencer. Board member, Bob Myron, was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were: James Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Facilities/Operations Manager; and Heidi Schiller, Arts/Programs Manager.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Jim Bell introduced Mr. Troy Gooslin, President of the Fairfield Youth Athletic Association (Youth Football) and Mr. Gooslin, in turn, introduced Mr. Scott Stroschen, FYAA Vice President, and Mr. Roy Cooper, FYAA Events Coordinator. Mr. Gooslin presented to the Board the 2013 year-end and projected 2014 season FYAA report (attached). The Board commented on the thoroughness of the report and the well-planned capital program of the association and thanked FYAA for their presentation.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The January 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Revenue/Expense/Metrics Report: Jim Bell stated that the year-end financials were not yet available; therefore the financial portion of the year-end operations report was not available.

Aquatic Center Renovation Update: Jim Bell reported that City Council had approved the agreement with Shamrock Enterprises for the aquatic center renovation project and contracts were being prepared. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2014; with staff, contractor and architect.

Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update: Jim Bell reported that City Council had approved the agreement with Eppley Institute/Indiana University for the comprehensive parks and recreation master plan. A project initiation meeting is scheduled for March 5 and 6, 2014, with parks staff.

City of Hamilton/Joyce Park Conceptual Plan: Jim Bell reported that he had recently met with Hamilton's Public Works Director and received a copy of the conceptual site plan for Joyce Park's renovations. Mr. Bell reviewed the concept plan with the Board; which was divided into four quadrants and would renovate existing soccer/baseball fields (central and southwest quadrant) and develop new soccer fields (southeast and north quadrant). The funding source for the renovation and development had yet to be identified, so a construction timeline was not available.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Mrs. Debbie Pennington thanked Chairman Doug Meece for attending a recent City Council meeting and presenting out-going Board members and current City Council members Senger and Judd with their Board service plaques. Mrs. Pennington also reported that City Council had approved the funding for the aquatic center project and the master plan project.

Planning Commission Update: Mrs. Pennington and Mr. Bell reported that City Council and the Planning Commission were reviewing a re-zoning proposal on Winton Road, an acre parcel between Olde Winton Subdivision and Avance Funeral Home, from C-3 commercial to R-2 residential.

Environmental Commission Update: No report

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2013, at 6:00 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary