

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Carol Oler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board members in attendance were: Carol Oler, Bob Myron, Doug Meece, Bob Breen, Tim Meyers and Dick Wood. Don Hassler was excused. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks & Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager; Ben Strickler, Parks Events Manager; Greg Morrow, Parks/Grounds Superintendent, and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting. The December 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Reports: Jim Bell reviewed the November 2009 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached). Jim Bell reported that he and Bob Schappacher had reviewed the unaudited financials from December and had spoken with Mary Hopton, Finance Director, and following the payment of debt service for 2009, the recreation facility fund (golf courses/aquatic center) would finish \$30,000.00 in the red (subsidy from general fund). Jim Bell commented that Mary Hopton was pleased with the progress of the recreation facility fund accounts and he commented that the cold summer at the aquatic center and the low player count in December contributed to the figures. A typical summer and a typical December would have placed the recreation facility fund in the black.

Goose Control Techniques: Jim Bell introduced Greg Morrow, Parks/Grounds Superintendent and commented that Mr. Morrow and Doug Meece had been discussing the geese population problem at a Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee meeting and its effect on the golf courses. Mr. Morrow reviewed with the Board a handout from the ODNR/Division of Wildlife on Goose Harassment Techniques (attached) and what would be most suitable for the golf courses. The golf courses had previously installed strobe lights in the ponds to harass the geese; but after a time the lights became ineffective. After a review of the materials, the Board requested that Mr. Morrow solicit proposals from companies that provide trained dogs that will harass the geese and contact several local golf courses that use this method of goose control.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Tim Meyers informed the Board that the City had been approached by a citizen requesting that city council investigate selling commercial advertisements on fire hydrants; which had been done in several cities throughout the country.

Mr. Meyers asked if plaques were being prepared for past Board Member Preston Johnson and Environmental Commission Member Michael Lane in appreciation of their service to the Board and City. Jim Bell stated that plaques would be available at the February Board meeting and those members invited to attend.

Planning Commission Update: None

Environmental Commission Update: Bob Breen reported that they had a quorum for the last meeting. Jim Bell reported that the vacant positions would be advertised by the Clerk of Council along with the other Boards and Commission vacancies this winter; the deadline for submitting an application is February 12, 2010.

Tim Meyers commented that the Board would need to interview the potential candidates for the vacant Environmental Commission and Cultural Arts Advisory Commission seats and forward their recommendations to City Council. The Board would invite Council Member Mike Snyder to participate in the interviews.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Bob Myron informed the Board that Heidi and Ben had reported on the 2010 Community Arts Center performances, the upcoming gallery exhibits, the 2010 Celtic Festival, and the summer concert series. Mr. Myron also commented that the CAAC was meeting immediately following this meeting and the Board was invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held at 5:30 PM on February 9, 2010 at the Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary