

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION OF THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

Present were Commissioners Harold Marrow, Billy Anderson, George Churchill and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

The meeting began at 7:05 P.M.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting as written.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB PRESENTATION:

Jim Plouffe and Maureen Kelly from the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) made a presentation to the Commission explaining the operation and benefits of their club. Mr. Plouffe stated that the AMC would like to volunteer to help out with trail maintenance in D.W. Field Park. He stated he had 18 volunteers on April 21st that did maintenance clearing trails and brush and he would like to extend further in the park. AMC would like the opportunity to help in D.W. Field Park and is willing to put the manpower and financial assistance to do so. He stated there is up to \$20,000 available to rehab the trails and for clearing at the park. He would also like to provide a kiosk with trail maps, trail signs and other markings at D.W. Field Park. The AMC would also like to replace some of the park benches with fund raisers to possible get them donated and also to install bike racks. They would also like to see youth events possibly with a fishing derby. AMC will provide Insurance and signed waivers for all the volunteers. A motion to accept the Appalachian Mountain Club and Park Superintendent Timothy Carpenter to work together in conjunction with this proposal was made by Commissioner Marrow and seconded by Commissioner Churchill with all Commissioners in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dorothy Tinkham Delo addressed the Commissioners with concerns she had regarding McKinley Playground. She would like to see the basketball court removed believing it would eliminate a meeting area for individuals misusing the park. Commissioner Churchill asked her if she has called the Police Department regarding this matter. She said she has but they don't respond.

Commission Marrow stated that if you remove the basketball court you could have more problems to deal with then you have now. Superintendent Carpenter said he would post additional signs regarding park closed dark to dusk and that if there are people there after that time she could call the Police and they would have them removed. Commissioner Marrow stated he would talk to the Police Department to see if they could have more patrols in the area.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Carpenter reported that D.W. Golf Course took in about \$40,000 in March and \$115,000 in April which is down a little on the rounds. He also stated that Fridays were charged the weekend rate but has had some calls regarding this fee so he has changed Friday back to a weekday rate.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that the greens were going to be aerated and top dressed on Tuesday. He also stated that request for quotes for the roof at D.W. Golf Course have gone out and that a site visit was held last Thursday. Two contractors were there to view the site and the quotes are due in by 5/17/12. CDM Smith will help in reviewing the bids.

Mr. Carpenter stated they are trying to keep up with the maintenance of the fields but that the old infield groomer needs refurbishing and the cost of a new one would cost between \$11,000 to \$22,000.

The BRA has \$50,000 left from the grant to use the money by September and only to be used at a multi use park based on economic classification. O'Donnell's was the field chosen to redo the infield, aerate, protective dugout fence and cement pads for the bleachers.

Mr. Carpenter stated regarding the field status that all adult leagues from years past have come in for permits and that the parks will be patrolled for proper field usage. He also stated the department will be putting up more signs regarding no alcohol use on the fields, no trespassing after hours, and permits are needed for field use. He also stated that the schedules of fields being used are on the City website. Nets have also been put up for soccer at Parmenter and Hillstrom parks.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that the state mandated lift chairs have

been installed at the Cosgrove Pool. Painting of the pool will start on Friday and that the Building Department will be maintaining both the Cosgrove and Manning Pools. The Building Department will be responsible for the opening of the Manning Pool cost till the Park Department takes it over on July 1st.

Mr. Carpenter stated that the BRA was applying for a PARC grant with possibly \$400,000 to \$600,000 available. This grant would be for a single site improvement in a specific area with a multi-use field. Edgars Playground was the field that was mentioned for new fencing, replacing infield with new mix, possibly relighting the field, regrassing the area, and the removing of trees. This grant requires a neighborhood action committee and Mr. Carpenter stated he will be involved.

Superintendent Carpenter told the Commission that there was a police officer assigned to patrol D.W. Field Park and new signs are being made with the rules of the park. The bench painting program will continue in the park and Eagle Scouts are replacing the boards on the benches.

Having no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy w. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks