

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

April 15th, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M.

Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Dave Lane, Gary Plunk, Dave Crutchley, Teresa Kohut, Butch Cooley, Gary Luebbers, Susie Boone, Molly Curcuru, Jamie Lindsey, Heather Wegge, Tim Schwierjohn, Bob Furkin, Brian Waldrop, Michelle Hohmeier

Excused: Paul Freese

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Gary Plunk and seconded by Dave Lane to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from Feb. 4th, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Business from the floor: Gary Luebbers mentioned concerns from Bootcamp instructors and Jamie Lindsey/Rec. Supv. said that she had addressed those concerns at a meeting she had recently held with those contractors.

Butch Cooley mentioned the need for a wheelchair for patrons to use when arriving at the Arnold Recreation Center. Molly Curcuru addressed the issue of liability and training of staff to assist with transport. Butch Cooley and Gary Luebbers thought they may have some equipment to donate. Susie said she would check into it and Butch said he would get back to Susie on it.

Old Business: Teresa Kohut reported on the three special events held during March. She reported that the Breakfast with the Bunny event registered over 200 people which was a 50% increase over last year's breakfast. The Dog Gone Easter Treat which was held for the first time this year and was also a success. There were 65 dogs registered with over 200 people in attendance. Dogs and owners were offered the opportunity to have pictures taken with the Bunny prior to the hunt for dog treats. The Adult Egg Hunt was held and despite Winter Storm Watch warnings and snow earlier in the week, the Adult Egg Hunt still held with over 250 in attendance.

Staff Reports:

Pomme Creek Golf Course: Tim Schwierjohn said his staff has been working on a few concrete projects which should help with the cart traffic and confusion. In February they completed adding a water meter and a 2" water line. This should give us a more economical way to purchase water if needed. Tim also stated they had completed a lot of tree work. They are a little behind on spring mulching due to the extremely wet spring weather. Tim commented that all maintenance work is 100% caught up. Dave Lane inquired about trees that are to be taken down by Ameren UE. Tim said that he had been in contact with Armeren UE and they are waiting to hear from the golf course as to when a good time would be when the ground would be firm enough to drive on it. Heather Wegge pointed out that one of the fees in the brochure regarding League play seemed to be vague. Molly will address with next brochure.

Bob Furkin reported that all League Play is up about 10% . Bob also reported that there are several tournaments scheduled at Pomme: Fox JV Tournament, Jefferson County Seniors and several others.

Park Projects: Park Staff has been working on the bathrooms in the parks including new plumbing, fixtures, and stalls. They have installed 2 new drinking fountains. Also, park staff is working on lots of maintenance projects at Arnold Recreation Center including a heat exchanger with broken seals. They will hopefully have the parts in for this project around April 22nd and the indoor pool will be closed for 2 days during repair. The cost is approximately \$10,000. Heather Wegge asked when the outdoor pool would be open and Molly reported that it would be open May 25th. Gary Luebbers inquired about the life span of buildings such as the Arnold Recreation Center. Susie informed the board that Ballwin Rec. Center has been open for about 12-13 years and that is typically when things start to break. Generally, about 25 years is the maximum with a recreation center building.

Dave reported that the Farmers Market structures are going up and they should be complete by the walk-thru on April 29th. Rain has been a hindrance to completion of work for farmers market. Preliminary work has begun for the opening of the outdoor pool. Gary Luebbers asked when the volleyball nets would go up at the sand volleyball courts. Dave said probably within the week. Gary Luebbers inquired about the possibility of a splash park that had been suggested for Ferd B. Lang Park and Susie said it had been proposed in the budget but that it had been removed.

Spring/Summer Programs:

Arnold Recreation Center: Jamie Lindsey reported that a Zumba Glow will be held on April 26th at the Arnold Recreation Center and that a portion of the proceeds will benefit Relay for Life of Arnold. Jamie also reported that the Recreation Center is looking for ways to retain members and class registrants. She asked for input from the board regarding a discount for people who bring in a new person to a class. Brian Waldrop made a motion to recommend that the Recreation Center offers a discount of 25% to a returning class registrant and a 50% discount to for a brand new class registrant. Butch Cooley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Outdoor Pool and Day Camp: Molly Curcuru reported that they are busy de-winterizing the outdoor pool and that she is working with Dave and his crew on repairs. Dave and Molly are also working on a new Chem-trol system for the outdoor pool. Hiring for all areas is being completed and the new brochures were in all households after Easter. Molly will be supervising day camp this year with field trips being brought to the park instead of having the campers travel to different venues. Each week of day camp is being themed and activities are planned to correspond with the theme. Heather Wegge inquired about the location of the camp and Molly said that it will be held at Ferd B. Lang Park with the exception of Wednesday which will be held at the Arnold Recreation Center which will offer swimming for the campers. Brian Waldrop offered to bring his display of invertebrates and water creatures for the summer camp.

Farmers Market: The Farmers Market Committee has met twice and after careful review, Dave, Ray and Susie looked at 3 different sites and decided the Arnold City Park site offered the best possibility for the Farmers Market. Susie sited the visibility with it being right off Jeffco. Susie also mentioned the possibility of adding a soccer field area near the Farmers Market Area. Heather Wegge asked about the cost of the Farmers Market Area. Susie said she is still working

on that. A vendor road will also be added. The walk thru will be April 29th at 6:30 p.m. and all Park Board Members are invited to attend. The Council has also voted unanimously to suspend the \$25 application fee for Farmers Market vendors.

Susie informed the board that she will be on vacation from May 2nd-May 13th.

Next Meeting: June 10th at 6:30 P.M.

Motion made by Gary Luebbers to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave Lane. The Board unanimously adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Kohut
Adm. Assist. Parks and Recreation Department
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