

PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 6th, 2012
6:30 P.M.
Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Brian Waldrop, Gary Luebbers, Bob Furkin, Bill Moritz, Gary Plunk, Susie Boone, Tim Schwierjohn, Molly Curcuru, Dave Crutchley, Teresa Kohut, and Dave Lane

Absent: Heather Wegge, Sandra Kowanacki, Cricky Lang and Paul Freese-Excused

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Gary Luebbers and seconded by Gary Plunk to approve minutes. No amendments. Minutes approved unanimously.

Business from the floor: No Business from the floor

Staff Reports:

Pomme Creek Golf Course:

Tim Schwierjohn stated the weather has been very dry. They have put a meter on the fire hydrant and 2.5 million gallons of water has been used by the golf course at a cost of \$3,000-\$4,000. He said the greens are still in ok shape. There has not been much mowing because of the drought and consequently the cost of fuel and mowing has been reduced. He reported that a new t-box at #17 as been built and opened. The steps have been removed from that area. He is working on #16 to expand and improve. Pomme is looking to aerify the greens on Sept. 10th and 12th. Bill Moritz inquired if there was anything that could be done with the ponds because they look muddy. Tim stated that they could use algacide to treat them. They are starting to fill up now because of the very recent rain.

Bob Furkin reported the revenue at Pomme was up \$25,000 in June and up \$21,000 in July, over last year's revenue. Pomme is looking to replace the P.A. system, awning, cooler and new door. The Fox and Seckman girl's teams will start this next week at Pomme. Bob reported The Patriot Day Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 31st, Arnold Days Tournament scheduled for Sept. 8th, and the Rotary Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 24th. In addition the Fox Alumni Hockey Group is scheduling a tournament and the MPRA Tournament will be held on Oct. 5th. Bob also stated the Wed. and Thurs night leagues are starting to wind down. The Tuesday morning Senior Men League is still going strong with 100 plus players. The Saturday morning Scrambles are going strong at 100 plus players.

Parks: Dave Crutchley reported that July 4th was not very busy due to extreme heat conditions. They have recently removed 32 stumps and 8 trees in Arnold City Park. There was a fish kill in late July due to extremely hot weather conditions. Also, due to the very low water levels, the motor for the fountain in the lake at Arnold City Park has quit working. The motor is almost 6 years old. It will cost \$5,000 to fix. The new paving project will cost about \$27,000 plus the rock which will put the project at about \$30,000-\$31,000. E-meyer is the low bid. It will go to City Council. Bill Moritz inquired about the sign that was supposed to be put up at the skate park in

recognition of the contributions of the Arnold Jaycees. Dave Crutchley reported that the sign was posted at Ferd B. Lang Park.

Recreation Center: Molly reported that the Arnold Recreation Center was closed for annual maintenance from August 2-5. Items that were scheduled and completed are as follows:

- 1) Carpet replaced in fitness and elevator areas.
- 2) Gym floors refinished.
- 3) All Floors in locker rooms refinished.
- 4) Painting banisters.
- 5) Pool Stairs done.
- 6) Hot water heater repaired.
- 7) Fitness Equipment deep cleaned.
- 8) Acid washed pool.

Dave reported approximately 466 hours of labor were expended in the annual maintenance.

Molly also reported that a sale for 15% off annual memberships would be running through September 3rd in observance of our 7th Anniversary. She also reported that the Fall Brochure should be in homes by September 15th.

Special Events: Teresa Kohut reported that Missouri Baptist held a free health screening at the Arnold Recreation Center on July 17th with over 300 people attending the screening. Also the American Red Cross held a blood drive sign-up on July 31st at the recreation center. The primary election will be held at the recreation center on Aug. 7th. The Arnold Recreation Center is also displaying the Jefferson County Children's Division's Heart Gallery which posts children who are currently available for adoption. The children's pictures have been professionally taken and are currently on display in our lobby. In addition, the Jefferson County Art Guild will be hosting their Annual reception and Art Gallery Show Opening on August 11th at the Arnold Recreation Center.

Currently the entries for Arnold Days are: 12 craft/activity booths, 5 food booths, and 2 parade entries.

Susie reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is designing a float for the Arnold Days Parade. It will have all of the former Mayors represented on the float. We are asking for assistance with building the float. We are asking park board members, AAVP, and city council members represented on our board, to assist us.

We are inserting an advertisement in the Sewer Bills for the Real Estate Open House on Sept. 8th. We are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce in this endeavor to promote Arnold Days Festival. A groupon will also be offered from various merchants to promote the 40th Anniversary. Susie would like to commend Kelly Feldman with the Chamber of Commerce for the excellent job she has done with this promotion.

FY-2013 Budgets: Susie stated that the budgets for 2012-2013 are very tight. The Ziegler property has very little scheduled for improvements except for lawn cutting and keeping the weeds down. No new vehicles are scheduled. With respect to the capital improvement plan, the money is not there yet. Susie assured the board that standards would continue to be met. Susie is hopeful that the budget for 2012 will finish in the black. All areas of the park operations are up except for the outdoor pool admissions. Susie stated that she would be re-activating the Recreation Supervisor position. She said there would be no pay increases.

Gary Luebbers reminded the board that the comprehensive plan indicated that the one thing residents were concerned about was the parks.

Old Business: Bill Moritz said the Speed Bump at #11 needs to be addressed at Pomme. Tim Schwierjohn said he will address.

New Business: Brian Waldrop reminded everyone about the Stream Team clean-up on August 25th. He said that the low water levels would present an excellent opportunity to clean the river. He also offered a free float ride to anyone on Sunday from Flamm City. He said he could carry eight people to a float.

The next meeting is Oct. 1st at 6:30p.m. at the Arnold Recreation Center.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Gary Luebbers and seconded by Brian Waldrop.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Kohut
City of Arnold Parks and Recreation Department
Administrative Assistant**