

Arnold Parks and Leisure Services Board Meeting
Minutes
August 19th, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.
Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Gary Plunk, David Lane, Molly Curcuru, Tim Schwierjohn, Bob Furkin, Dave Crutchley, Susie Boone, Teresa Kohut, Butch Cooley, and Paul Freese

Excused: Gary Luebbers, Brian Waldrop

No Approval of minutes due to lack of quorum.

Business from the Floor: Butch Cooley discussed getting a sign installed by the Meramec Bridge entrance to Arnold on Jeffco Blvd. Susie has a plan for the sign and Butch would like to see flowers planted there. Butch thought perhaps College kids could help beautify and maintain the area. Susie said the inserts for the sign are already done. Paul Freese says that Boy Scout Troop 430 may be interested in maintaining the sign, the round-a-bout or plantings at City Hall. Paul said he would put Troop 430 in touch with Butch.

Dave Crutchley said they have just finished working with an Eagle Scout Project that put 4 new benches with wood tops and stainless steel bases, in at the park.

Butch said sometime this winter, he would like to rebuild the Bobcat He would like to work on the "Buggy" now. He will call for a rebuilt motor price. If the cost is too high, Butch will rebuild. Dave said they really need it for Strawberry Creek. Susie thanked Butch for his offer to help. Paul said it would possibly be a good idea to check for availability on Craigslist or EBay.

Farmers Market: Teresa reported that the Farmers Market has been enjoying good customer response. The Summer Festival and the Peach Festival was successful and other themed weeks are in the plans. A variety of musical groups have performed at the market during the spring and summer.

Pomme Creek: Bob Furkin stated that they are hoping for good weather. Golf Leagues will be shutting down within the next 4 weeks. They have 16-17 holes open at this time. They have tournaments scheduled in September. Bob said they have had a drop in revenue although business was very brisk this last weekend.

Tim Schwierjohn reported that last year he purchased 3,000,000 gallons of water. Four of the greens took quite a hit. The recent cool weather has been good for the greens. They have been reseeded and it generally takes about 90 days till they are good to play. Tim purchased about 400 square feet of sod. About 75 % of the repair work has been done. Greens are rolling well and Tim has had no complaints. Tim stated that hole #7 was reseeded with Bermuda and they will go into the rough with Fescue. There is CIP money and the bids were opened on Friday. The bids will go to the Council at the next meeting for the Big 65" Aerifier.

Recreation Center: Molly Curcuru reported that the Recreation Center's shut down was successful and that a great deal of work was completed on the Arnold Recreation Center. Upcoming programs and events include Zumba Toning, Rugby, Soccer, Dog Swim, 9-11 Ceremony, Abra-Kid-Abra Magic Show, Arnold Days, and Senior Trip to Hannibal. Molly also reported that the 2013 Fall/Winter Brochure will be mailed to homes between Sept. 3-5th.

Susie Boone reported that Teresa Kohut has been hired for the open position of Recreation Supervisor. The Clydesdales will be in the Arnold Days Festival Parade. Susie would like to have three volunteers to judge the floats for Arnold Days Festival. The Parks and Leisure Services Committee are welcome to volunteer. Let Susie know if they are interested. The #1 float will go in front of or behind the Clydesdales and the floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade.

New Business: Susie reported that the 2014 Operating Budget for Parks would be \$859,000.00. She stated that money has been earmarked for Pavilion rehabs. She also reported that the Pool Contract was renewed last Thursday. Pool Furniture replacement is in the plans as well as a new Commercial Freezer for the Outdoor Pool concession area. Of the 27 compressors at the Recreation Center, four have went out this past year. Two were covered by insurance claims. Susie reported that the budget for Pomme will go down for 2014 to \$638,000. Susie reported that the Arnold City Park Boat Ramp will be named the 211 Clean Stream Boat Ramp in a dedication this Saturday, August 26th. She invited all board members to attend and thanked the 211 Stream Team for all of the work they have done in the community.

Gary Plunk expressed that the City website homepage could be more informative. He feels like we could be doing a better job there. He stated there should be a link on the front page to Arnold Days Festival and activities. A link for the Festival had recently been added.

Butch Cooley suggested having a city Garage Sale.

Meeting was adjourned. There was no quorum.

Next Meeting Date is Oct. 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Kohut
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City of Arnold Parks and Recreation Department