

PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
December 5th, 2011
6:30 P.M.
Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Lane, Plunk, Furkin, Kohut, Moritz, Boone, Schwierjohn, Curcuru, Wegge, Crutchley, Waldrop, Luebbers, and Lang.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Heather Wegge and seconded by Dave Lane to approve minutes. No amendments. Minutes approved unanimously.

Business from the floor: None

Open Space: Gary Luebbers attended a Planning and Advisory Meeting and would like to have more focus on open space and acquiring property, perhaps around Ferd B. Lang Park. Brian Waldrop said if Gary knows of any property for sale to let him know and he would try to see if they could acquire it. Gary Plunk mentioned land by Lonedell and asked if that could be acquired. Heather Wegge wanted to know what they would use the land for and Gary Luebbers suggested possibly a park or trail. Heather inquired about the 2012-2013 renovation plans for our current parks. Gary Luebbers stated that Strawberry Creek couldn't be changed.

Farmer's Market: Susie Boone announced that planning is underway for the Farmer's Market in Arnold and provided the following information:

- Grower's meeting will be held on December 14th.
- Market Manager will be hired and will be part of the Parks Department staff.
- Grand Opening will be held on May 5th.
- Farmer's Market will be held on the Fox Campus on the property closest to Jeffco Blvd.
- The City is purchasing tents, which will also be used for other events.

Heather Wegge inquired about a possible conflict with Orlando Gardens Markets. Susie Boone said Dan Bish is working with Orlando Gardens regarding any conflict.

Old Business:

AAVP update: Teresa Kohut stated there would be a membership drive from Dec. 12th- January 13th at the Arnold Recreation Center. Current members will assist with hosting the information area to raise awareness about the organization.

Trail Update: Dave Crutchley said if Council approved the funds on Thursday they would proceed with the trail project. Susie Boone said there are funds left over from the Greenway Fund and it could be used to make improvements to the boat ramp in Arnold as well as raising the loop on the lower road at Arnold City Park. There is approximately \$10-\$12 thousand left in

the fund that could be used for the other projects. Dave Crutchley asked the Board if they would recommend the money be spent for those projects. Heather Wegge made a motion to research the loop being raised as well as the boat ramp being improved. Dave Lane seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Shade Structure at Pomme Creek: The shade structure project is almost complete. The primer is on and they will wait until after winter to put the shades up. Gary Plunk stated that approximately 26-28 carts would be protected by the shades.

Golf Tournaments: Bob Furkin stated the Gobble - Gobble Golf Tournament registered 102 participants. Pomme will also be hosting a New Year's Day Scramble. He commented that all play is weather driven. Bob stated that they have booked Immaculate Conception tournament in May. Heather asked if there is any marketing being done to attract tournaments. Bob Furkin stated there is a new marketing program to attract tournaments with various packages that offer discounts available to tournaments. Heather Wegge asked if all beverages will be purchased at the golf course and Bob Furkin answered that they would have to be purchased at Pomme. Heather Wegge suggested that more advertising be done via free networks.

New Business:

Park Watch Campaign: Brian Waldrop said that the Park Watch campaign is effective thanks to a citizen who stood up and called. Brian would like a sign put up with the telephone number to call the police. Bill Moritz suggested a sign like "Don't trash our town." It was mentioned that we had cameras in the past. Susie Boone suggested that Dave Crutchley and Brian Waldrop get together to get the cameras posted. Molly will work on signage. Brian said not to confront people.

Upcoming projects/events: Molly Curcuru reported that the Breakfast with Santa event went very well with over 200 people registered for the event. Teresa Kohut passed out photos from the event with pet photos with Santa also included. Molly Curcuru also reported that we would have a 15% off Annual Membership sale in December. The Breakfast with the Bunny is scheduled for March 31st in the morning with the Adult Egg Hunt scheduled in the evening.

Tim Schwierjohn reported that 56 of the 58 golf carts have been serviced. Ongoing projects include:

- Finishing cart paths-last section
- Working on #13 green and #14 ladies t-box
- 75' concrete forms are set up and are ready to be poured

There will be a City Council meeting on Dec. 15th and a budget amendment for CIP money. Tim Schwierjohn reported that there is a lot of work to be done on the collars and that the greens need to be re-seeded on the bare spots and aerated. Work completed on the putting green with sand and gravel brought in to raise it and it is double the size now. They will seed it early spring. Heather Wegge asked about the chipping area and Tim Schwierjohn said it would need some work.

Sign for Pomme: Susie Boone reported that Bob Furkin is working with Warren Sign for a sign for Pomme Creek and is waiting on proofs. Susie Boone reported that there is approximately \$10,000 remaining to complete the three projects. Councilperson Bill Moritz inquired about the infiltration on the #8 fairway and indicated that it needed to be repaired or replaced.

2012 Membership Drive: The membership drive is proposed with the new County/Corporate Rates introduced. Heather Wegge inquired if there were any additional benefits being offered. She suggested possibly offering preferred tee times. A discussion ensued over the value of the membership and how many times a year a member would have to play in order for it to be a value to a member.

Susie announced that a bond payment had been made through the General Fund.

Heather commended the pricing structure and said that it made sense.

Election of 2012 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

Dave Lane was nominated as the Chairperson and Heather Wegge was nominated as the Vice-Chairperson. They were both elected unanimously.

The next meeting is Feb. 6th at 6:30p.m. at the Arnold Recreation Center.

Motion to dismiss by Heather Wegge and seconded by Gary Luebbers.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Kohut
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Administrative Assistant**