

**City of Arnold**  
**Parks and Leisure Services Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Butch Cooley, Molly Curcuru, Susie Boone, Gary Luebbers, Brian Waldrop, Tim Schwierjohn, Teresa Kohut, Gary Plunk, and Dave Lane.

**Excused:** Paul Freese

**Approval of Minutes June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Motion by Dave Lane and Seconded by Gary Luebbers to approve the minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>. Not previously approved due to no quorum at previous meetings.

**Approval of Minutes Aug 19<sup>th</sup>:** Motion by Dave Lane and seconded by Gary Luebbers to approve the minutes from Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. Not previously approved due to no quorum at previous meeting.

**Approval of Minutes Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:** Motion by Gary Luebbers and seconded by Dave Lane to approve the minutes from Oct. 14th.

**Business from the floor:** Garry Luebbers inquired if more port-a-pots could be put in at the Arnold Farmers Market for next year. Susie informed the meeting that only one port-a-pot had been budgeted.

**Old Business:** Tim Schwierjohn stated that a new Asst. Supt. Greenskeeper has been hired. His name is Brent Oxley who has previously worked for the Country Club in Decatur, IL. Tim said that Brent is catching on very quickly. Tim said machine maintenance was being completed as well as all carts being serviced. He also reported that Nelson Tree Co. had been called in to do some landscape maintenance near holes #11 and #18. Gary Plunk commented that #18 looks good.

Susie said the golf course will be offering a 15% discount on Annual golf memberships through Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, golfing fees at Pomme Creek Golf Course will increase \$1 per round for all rates except for Resident rates, as of Jan. 2nd. Also, Membership rates will increase by \$25 per Resident Individual, \$50 per County/Corporate Individual and \$50 per Non-Resident Individual. Memberships will increase \$100 per Family Memberships in all categories.. Gary Plunk inquired about raising the rates on concessions. Susie said that generally those rates are reviewed in April. Susie stated that that most of the concessions were under contract and that beer prices have stayed pretty much the same but that the prices on Gatorade have gone up.

**Recreation Center:** Molly reported that aquatics classes are mostly full for the session. Also, a scanning attendant position has been added at the front desk. This position monitors the entrance to the fitness and pool areas.

Teresa Kohut reported that the Breakfast with Santa event grew this year from 252 participants to 352 participants. In addition, the Parks Dept. Staff assisted Tourism with the Gobble, Gobble, Run this year which hosted approximately 1,170 participants. New programs slated for the Jan. Winter Session include ½ Marathon Training, and Co-Ed Flag Football.

**Parks:** Susie complimented the Parks Staff on doing a great job with renovating the pavilions in the park at a very reasonable cost. She stated that refurbishing should be complete by April 1<sup>st</sup>. New gates were also installed at the park. In addition, staff has been busy putting up decorations for the holiday season. Staff is also scheduled to share Brush Pick-up duties with Public Works beginning the third week of March. Gary Plunk observed that the Dog Park in Ferd B. Lang is getting a lot of use. Susie said that since the shade structure had been installed there, it does seem to be getting more use. Gary Luebbers said he would like to see a tennis court installed at Ferd B. Lang. Susie said the next budget proposal could include a 4 court complex at the Ziegler Property. There may be a problem with lights at night with the neighbors an automatic timer could address that issue. Gary Plunk asked if there were any plans to do something with the Ozark Property behind Ferd B. Lang Park. Susie said that hundreds of loads of dirt would be required before anything could be done with that property. Gary Luebbers reminded the board that the #1 priority listed by citizens who responded in the Comprehensive Plan was parks.

#### **New Business:**

**Winter Events:** Teresa Kohut reported that a family friendly show, “Fire and Ice,” would be put on by Mad Science at the Arnold Recreation Center on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. A family night movie night is scheduled for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> with a showing of the movie, Happy Feet.

**Fireworks:** Susie stated the Fireworks Contract has expired and would like to ask Council to waive formal bid procedures. Gary Luebbers made a motion and Dave Lane seconded the motion to recommend to Council to waive the bid procedure and give a year to year with staff recommendations.

**Board Meetings:** Susie reported that it has been difficult to have a board meeting over the last several months and suggested that the board meet quarterly if that would be easier. The board was in agreement and agreed to the following schedule for the coming 2014 year:

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sept. 2, and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meetings will convene at 6:30 p.m. at the Arnold Recreation Center.

**Clean Stream:** The 211 Clean Stream Team will meet at Arnold City Park on March 1<sup>st</sup> for a community clean- up at the Meramec River. All board members are invited to attend.

**Motion to Adjourn by Gary Plunk and seconded by Dave Lane.**

**Next Meeting Date is Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Teresa Kohut**

**Recreation Supervisor**

**City of Arnold Parks and Recreation**