

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Feb. 6th, 6:30 P.M.

Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Gary Plunk, Dave Lane, Tim Schwierjohn, Bob Furkin, Teresa Kohut, Susie Boone, Heather Wegge, Molly Curcuru, Gary Luebbers, Cricky Lang, Mayor Ron Counts, Brian Waldrop, and Dave Crutchley.

Excused: Bill Moritz

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Gary Plunk and seconded by Heather Wegge to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Business from the floor: None

Old Business:

Renaming boat ramp: Susie Boone and Bill Moritz proposed renaming the city boat ramp Missouri Stream Team 211 Boat Ramp. A motion was made by Heather Wegge and 2nd by Gary Plunk to recommend renaming the boat ramp as proposed. It was approved unanimously.

Trail Update: Dave Crutchley reported that the trail work in Arnold City Park is complete except for some grading that needs to be done. Heather Wegge said kudos to the park staff on completion. Susie Boone entertained a motion to recommend to Council to spend the approximately \$16,000 left in the Gateway Account to finish grading improvements. Gary Plunk made a motion to accept as proposed and Dave Lane 2nd the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Pomme Creek Update: Tim Schwierjohn stated that they had worked on three projects this past winter.

- 1) Cart path at the 13 green and 14 t-box has had approximately 210 feet of concrete poured. The last couple of weeks have been muddy and they have about 100 feet left to pour.
- 2) Putting green-they have tripled the useable size.
- 3) Bridge at the 17 -18 green has had the decking completely replaced. The railings are about 50% finished.

Tim is hoping for some cold weather so the ground will freeze and he can get some other work done that is not accessible currently by truck.

Heather asked if there were any goals for more sand traps. Susie said no that they were hard to maintain and to build. Susie stated there were a lot of dead trees between #3 and #4 and that when cleared, it would open the course. Gary Plunk mentioned that a lot of courses let the rough grow up. Tim said that bunkers were money killers.

Bob Furkin reported during their recent membership drive there were approximately 67 individual and 15 family memberships sold this year. They also had 84 players at their New Year's Golf Scramble. Bob also reported that they have several tournaments scheduled for 2012 as well as scheduling a Saturday Scramble once a month.

Susie Boone reported that Bob Furkin would be attending the Arnold-Imperial Optimist Club meeting on Feb. 21st to promote golf tournaments.

Recreation Center Update: Molly Curcuru said the brochure would be in households around March 1st. She also reported the Recreation Center is offering new classes: Zumba Gold and Aqua Zumba. The new Silver and Fit memberships have taken in approximately 100 applications.

Dave Crutchley reported that the sprinklers had gone off and damaged the mother board at the Recreation Center. Parts have been ordered and should be in soon.

AAVP Update: Teresa Kohut reported that the membership drive in January had netted eight new volunteers.

New Business:

Upcoming Events: Teresa Kohut reported the Adult Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 31st in the evening and Breakfast with the Bunny is scheduled for March 31st in the morning. A Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon is scheduled for Feb 14th with 117 registered currently for the luncheon. A Senior Bingo will also be held that day and currently has 110 registered. Both events are being sponsored by Deven Ploesser with Edward Jones of Arnold.

Job Fair: Molly Curcuru reported the job fair was very successful and there were approximately 200-300 applicants. Heather Wegge said the Job Fair was well organized.

Farmers Market: Susie Boone reported that she and Dan Bisch were working on hiring a manager for the Farmers Market. The Market Manager's office will be located in the Parks and Recreation Department office. Susie Boone and Teresa Kohut have been working on 4-6 weeks of entertainment for the market. Both bands from the Fox and Seckman High Schools will perform at the market. The market Grand Opening will be May 5th at 8 a.m. and will be presided over by Mayor Counts. Mayor Counts reported that there was no money for billboards for the market but they will be advertising on the marquee in front of Fox schools and also will be posting a banner in that area. Heather Wegge suggested an educational approach be used in advertising the market: How the market benefits you.

Clean Stream Update: Brian Waldrop reported that March 3rd would be the Clean Stream date for Arnold City Park. They would like to do some work at the golf course.

Next Meeting: April 2nd 6:15 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Kohut

Adm. Assist. Parks and Recreation Department

City of Arnold