PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11th, 2011 6:30 P.M.

Arnold Recreation Center

Roll Call: Lane, Luebbers, Plunk, Furkin, Kohut, Moritz, Boone and Waldrop

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Lane and seconded by Luebbers. No amendments. Approved unanimously.

Business from the floor: Concerns about Arnold Days Festival and parking and traffic were brought to the floor. Luebbers asked if there could be dedicated motorcycle parking at Arnold Days Festival. An area near the Kiwanis pavilion was discussed as a possible area. Bill Moritz suggested possibly having three lanes of traffic going out of the park after the fireworks.

New business:

Discussion of establishing resident and non-resident rates at Pomme Creek Golf Course: Susie Boone opened the discussion and relayed that we would like to attract more residents and possibly offering them a better membership rate would be a way to do that. She also offered that Ballwin, University City and Bridgeton all offer discounted rates to residents. Luebbers, Plunk and Moritz all said that they would be in favor of implementing this structure. Susie said we could regulate it by using the assessor's page which is currently used in regulating rec. memberships in addition to utility bill verification. The idea of offering league rates was also mentioned as an incentive to join the Leagues.

Monthly Newsletter Suggestions: Susie said that we continue to use the newsletter as a way to connect with prospective members and as a way to inform the community. Any suggestions on ideas or articles the Park Board would like to see included, please contact Susie.

Center Closing for Yearly Maintenance: The Arnold Recreation Center will be closed from July 27th-29th for maintenance and the indoor pool will be closed from July 25th-31st.

Family Campout/Movie: A plan is underway to schedule the Family Campout/Movie sometime between Arnold Days and Halloween. They are hoping to have a scavenger hunt as part of the event. They have requested \$5,000 in funding for the event in order to pay for an inflatable screen, food, security and games. Other items suggested in the upcoming budget include water fountains, picnic tables, grills and signage. Other events to be included in our budget for parks programs include the Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Sand Volleyball, and youth leagues. There were 12 teams for T-ball this past spring.

Old Business:

Pomme Creek Projects updates: Bob Furkin thanked Gary Plunk for his help in completing the Deck. There was a big push by Gary Plunk to get everything ready for the Patriot Tournament.

Dave Lane painted the sign and the pavilion has new siding. Bill Moritz suggested putting a ballard in there to protect the corner of the roof from being hit by carts. A new ADA cart will be here in about 2 weeks. The POS at the golf shop counters are going good and has resulted in better reporting of financials to City Hall. Brian Waldrop asked if any of the golf course was flooded and Bob said #7 had been under water for 100 days. Bob said they receive frequent calls asking if they are open and he says the course is in good shape. The creek has been going down for a while.

Arnold City Park lake trail: Susie asked that we get a vote of confidence to complete Strawberry Creek parking. The chip n seal at FBL and ACP would be \$105,000. It would be about \$35,000 to finish the trail on the lake.

Arnold Days updates: Teresa Kohut reported that everything is on schedule for Arnold Days Festival and the committee is scheduled to meet on August 1st at 6p.m. at Arnold City Park to finalize everything and it's placement. Brian Waldrop asked that a booth be reserved for Clean Stream if we did not already have one reserved.

City Wide Clean Up: Brian Waldrop said it would not work on Clean Stream Day. Susie suggested getting the schools involved and possibly having them work on the school sites. Bill Moritz suggested Boeing has a day of public service and possibly being able to incorporate the use of that day for the city wide clean-up. He also suggested possibly having the AAVP help with this project.

911 Memorial updates: The piece of steel has been selected by the Port Authority and is approx. 4' and 150 lbs. Dan Jones has donated \$1,000 toward the memorial and the Jaycees have donated the cost of shipping. River Trails Boy Scouts will be donating the flag pole and other donations will cover some of the benches and other supplies. They hope to orient the memorial within 2 degrees of the direction of the North Towers. Todd Teucher is the architect for the memorial. It will consist of two granite spires and we are still looking for donations.

Next Meeting: October 3rd, 6:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Waldrop made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Gary Luebbers.