

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Arnold Recreation Center**

**Roll Call:** Dave Lane, Gary Plunk, Dave Crutchley, Teresa Kohut, Brian Waldrop , Gary Luebbers, Susie Boone, Jamie Lindsey, Bob Furkin, Tim Schwierjohn, Sandra Kownacki and Molly Curcuru

**Excused:** Bill Moritz, Heather Wegge, , Cricky Lang

**Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Gary Luebbers and seconded by Gary Plunk to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved unanimously.

**Business from the floor:** Gary Luebbers said the BootCamp dates printed in the brochure were incorrect. Molly Curcuru acknowledged that they were printed incorrectly and the dates have been correctly posted and entered in the computer.

**Old Business:**

**Outdoor Pool:** Molly Curcuru reported that although we had a very hot summer, outdoor pool admissions were actually down a little from last year. She reported they were wrapping up winterizing the pool.

**Pomme Creek:** Bob Furkin reported on the last 6 months of activity at Pomme Creek. The hot weather did not have an adverse effect on business at Pomme Creek. Record crowds of golfers were reported for the summer and spring. Close to 29,000 rounds were played during the last fiscal year ending in August. Bob said the course has stayed in fabulous shape thanks to Tim Schwierjohn and his crew. Upcoming events for the golf course are the Gobble Gobble Golf and the New Year's Day golf scramble. Sandy Kownacki asked if the Golf Course was open year round and Bob Furkin answered that it was but golf course business is very weather driven. Susie Boone reported that the revenue for 2012 was around \$600,000. A discussion regarding the benefits of Recreation as endless ensued.

**Summer Parks and Recreation activities:** Molly Curcuru reported that the gross intake from the dog swim was \$712. Susie Boone reported that the day camp program was very popular this summer with field trips and green projects being some of the highlights.

**Arnold Days:** Teresa Kohut reported that the Arnold Days Festival was well attended and gross ticket sales were up by more than 70% over last year's sales. Money collected for Craft and Food Booths were also up by 35%. Parade entries and money collected was up by 30%. Money for the 5K race was down by 30%. Food and craft vendor comments were positive with comments from some repeat vendors indicating this was their best Arnold Days yet for sales. Pictures from the fireworks display were also circulated to the board. Many comments and compliments concerning the fireworks display were reported.

## **New Business:**

**Pomme Creek Capital Projects:** Tim Schwierjohn reported that they are having pest problems at hole #15 and that a professional had been called in to help with the issue. They have caught 2 possums and 1 skunk. An equipment lift that was ordered was delivered last week to the golf course. Tim is currently writing a specification for a Greens Mower and a Fairway Mower. The maintenance crew is also doing some concrete work on the course. They will try to address the issue at Speed Bump #11 this winter. They are conducting routine maintenance of tree trimming and leaf mulching.

**Park Projects:** Dave Crutcley reported that MIRMA projects with respect to insurance, entrapment and liabilities are being addressed by the maintenance department. These issues are being addressed at the park playgrounds as well as the pools. The Maintenance Department is preparing to begin work at the Ziegler property with clearing of concrete, brush and asphalt. Dave reported that E-meier was the low bid for the Parking Lot at Arnold City Park. Dave said a new parking lot addition would be in by the end of October. Two new trucks have been ordered for the Parks Department. A bobcat is also being ordered. Susie Boone reported that around \$50,000 would be spent on the new trucks with an additional \$40,000 spent on the trail and another \$35,000 spent on a skid steer. The Parks Department will be looking at working on the Ziegler property as an immediate priority. Greg Hall is working on obtaining a purchase order for the asbestos removal at the Ziegler property. Bryson and his group will be working on the demolition of the house on the Ziegler property. The group that has been formed for the Ziegler property will be making a recommendation to the Parks and Leisure Services Board and then to City Council. Susie Boone reported that the Farmers Market operations were smooth for the first year of operation. She also stated that they would like to find a more permanent home for the Farmers Market. Susie requested that anyone with thoughts about the use of the Ziegler property should email her concerning any ideas. Susie stated that the property is in the 500 year flood plain. Paul Freese inquired about the acreage at the Ziegler property and it was reported that it is approximately 3-4 acres. Discussion concerning the possibilities for the property ensued. Dave reported that a section of gates would be removed in order to allow access for the JCYA development at Arnold City Park.

**New Fall Programs:** Molly Curcuru reported that a new Hoop-It-Up class and Family Fun Night are being planned for November. Teresa Kohut reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has been working with the Chamber of Commerce on the Trunk or Treat to be held in Arnold City Park on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber has over 50 vendors lined up to participate. The Parks department will be providing free hayrides and the bonfire in addition to providing parking staff and facility support. The Parks Department will also be hosting the Howl-O-Ween Dog Pawty on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Arnold City Park. Vendors from various rescue groups have been invited as well as pet vendors. There will be costume contests for the dogs as well as costume costumes for the kids and dogs together. Concessions will be served at the event. Proceeds will benefit the paw parks. Paul Freese inquired about the possibility of doing haunted hayrides. Susie Boone said that would be something she would like to see but acknowledged that it does take a

lot of planning and work to put together successfully. Susie suggested that it could possibly be done with the help of another organization assisting.

**Motion to Adjourn by Gary Plunk and seconded by Gary Luebbers.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Teresa Kohut**

**Adm. Assist. Parks and Recreation Department**

**City of Arnold**