

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
Operating/Capital Budget Committee October
19, 2010

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Bobbi Tucker, Tom Ronaghan, Sue Podobnik

Members Absent: Gary Davis and Jody Ledford

Ex-Officio Member Present: Jeff Degitz, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks

Staff Present: Bruce Dutterer and Shawn Reese

Self Help Project Requests:

- ◆ Charles Carroll Rec. Council – Infield Mix and Pitching Machine - \$1,598.00
- ◆ Equestrian Council – Spectator Shade Structure - \$8,490.00
- ◆ Freedom Rec. Council – 15’ Player Benches for Freedom Park and Springfield - \$1,970.00
- ◆ North Carroll Rec. Council – North Carroll Middle Field Restorations - \$5,350.00
- ◆ North Carroll Rec. Council – Hampstead Elementary Ball field mix and fence - \$9,800.00
- ◆ North Carroll Rec. Council – Christmas Tree Park infield mix – Field D - \$2,100.00
- ◆ North Carroll Rec. Council – Christmas Tree Park infield mix – Field C - \$2,688.00
- ◆ West Carroll Rec. Council – Bark Hill Park Storage Shed - \$4,612.00
- ◆ Westminster Rec. Council – Landon C. Burns Upper Field New Sod Placement - \$3,000.00
- ◆ Westminster Rec. Council – Concrete Slab Construction - \$3,000.00
- ◆ Westminster Rec. Council – Kate Wagner Lacrosse Goals - \$6,160.00
- ◆ Westminster Rec. Council – Robert Moton Basketball Electric Scoreboard - \$3,210.00

Jeff Degitz opened the meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed Charles Carroll Recreation Council project to use self-help funds to purchase a pitching machine along with infield mix. The pitching machine does not quite fit the typical definition of capital money but other equipment such as gymnastics mats and goals have been purchased in the past with these funds. There is a fine line between Capital Projects and the purchase of operating equipment. After consideration, the Committee did not have any objection to the pitching machine being included for funding.

Tom Ronaghan stated that since monies are available to fund all the proposed projects that we should go ahead and approve all of them. Sue Podobnik stated that she was okay with that as well. Discussion was held regarding the proposed projects. A question arose regarding the request for a “concrete slab construction” by the Westminster Recreation Council. It was stated that they are requesting Self Help funds for the “slab” and that the Recreation Council will take care of the cost of the building to be placed on the “slab”.

Tom Ronaghan made a motion to accept the Recreation Councils’ project requests for the FY2011 Self-Help funds, Sue Podobnik seconded by motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee. Since neither Ms. Tucker nor Ms. Podobnik will be attending the October 27, 2010 Recreation and Parks meeting, Mr. Ronaghan will present the committee’s recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board at their next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

Mr. Degitz also stated that he met with the Department of Recreation and Parks’ budget analyst, Heidi Pepin, and she shared with him the fact that there are more projects being requested than there is money to fund them. It looks like the Landon C. Burns trail; the first part of the Westminster Trail (at Bennett Cerf Park) and the design/engineering for Westminster Community Park will be the priorities for the coming years. The Park Restoration monies will be looked at every year and will be used for things that need immediate attention.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Jeff Degitz, Director

Shawn Reese, Secretary