

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
February 27, 2013**

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Colin Furneaux, Brad Knatz, Lewis Baylor, Gary Davis, Brian Clancy, John Marks, and Carolyn Garber

Members Excused: Jim Rodriguez, Bobbi Tucker

Members Absent: Judy Baker, and Walter Schemm Jr.

Staff Present: Bruce Dutterer, Loren Lustig and Candy Sharrer

Guests: David Roth, Talara Kumrow, Ed Beane, and Kenneth Stockdale

Ex-Officio Member Present: Jeff Degitz

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on February 27, 2013 in the Public Hearing Room at the Carroll County Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by board member Brad Knatz.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

New members John Marks, Brian Clancy and Carolyn Garber introduced themselves; followed by the existing members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Advisory Board and Staff Changes:** Welcome new members John Marks, Brian Clancy and Carolyn Garber. Bureau Chief Abby Gruber has left department to accept position of Director of Westminster City Recreation & Parks. Two new staff in Administrative Office – Candy Sharrer and Katy Casey
- **Capital Project Update:**
 - **Leister Park** – Construction underway
 - **Krimgold Park** – Construction underway
 - **Westminster Veterans Memorial Park** – Design/Engineering firm selected, public meetings in Spring
 - **Westminster Community Pond Renovations** – Summer construction anticipated
 - **Park Restoration** – New pavilion roof at Sandymount, replacement pavilion at Landon Burns, new park signs at Landon Burns cemetery & North Carroll Community Pond, new single table pavilions at NCCP, replacing pavilion roof at Piney Run
- **Dog Park:** Volunteers have raised over \$16,000; construction almost complete; beginning to sell memberships and will open in March

- **Customer Service Surveys:** Survey links posted on web site for Community Recreation Programs, Sports & Athletic Programs and Park Visitors; survey link was also sent to recreation council board members, program coordinators and Board members
- **First Call & 150th Anniversary of Civil War:** Watch for related events at Farm Museum & Union Mills this spring/summer; bus trip to Civil War art exhibit at Smithsonian March 28
- **Upcoming Events:** Sunday March 3, Maple Sugarin' Festival @ Hashawha 10:30 am – 4 pm; Saturday March 30, Early Bird Fishing Tournament @ Piney Run

SELF-HELP PROJECT REQUESTS:

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council – Presented by David Roth*

David is requesting the purchase of (8) sets of portable goal transport wheels. The transport wheels help prevent damage to the goals that typically get dragged, extending the life of them.

Total project cost: \$1,181.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$267.00; County Funds: \$914.00

- *Charles Carroll Recreation Council – Presented by Talara Kumrow*

Talara is requesting infield mix for Cherry Town, programmable locks and storage bins for the Sports Complex to properly keep track of items, a volleyball net and bag for Charles Carroll to replace old equipment, and 2 pitching machines as there aren't any locally for the kids to use.

Total project cost: \$6,328.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,547.00; County Funds: \$4,781.00

- *Winfield Recreation Council – Presented by Ed Beane*

Ed is requesting replacement of the Mayeski Park pavilion roof. The current roof leaks during wet weather and causes potential damage to stored equipment.

Total project cost: \$9,000.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$2,250.00; County Funds: \$6,750.00

The second project request is for installation of new portable soccer goals at Mayeski Park due to current equipment falling apart.

Total project cost: \$4,350.00; Council Contribution: \$1,052.00; County Funds: \$3,298.00

The third project request is for infield ball diamond mix at Mayeski Park to help keep drainage off the infield.

Total project cost: \$5,700.00; Council Contribution: \$1,162.00; County Funds: \$4,538.00

- *Woodbine Recreation Council – Presented by Kenneth Stockdale*

Ken is requesting ball diamond mix for Salt Box Park, and lumber for a retaining wall. The retaining wall will help prevent water from washing away the dirt.

Total project cost: \$2,244.00; Council Contribution: \$334.00; County Funds: \$1,910.00

After Mr. Brad Knatz inquired about when the board would review the Self Help requests, open discussion went around the table. Mr. Degitz stated that the requests totaled \$22,191 and the remaining County Fund available is \$15,750. He also said that after the Board votes, the projects then go to the

County Commissioners for their recommendation. Carolyn Garber suggested this evening after the meeting to go over the Self Help projects, and all concurred.

Mr. Brad Knatz thanked everyone for coming out and for their time this evening.

After patrons left, discussion commenced about the Self Help projects. The board unanimously voted to approve all projects with exception to Winfield's request for replacement pavilion roof at Mayeski Park.

OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Jeff Degitz stated that last year we faced a possibility of cuts and that this year we are looking at flat funding. There are no projected changes in staff level and no decrease in the budget. There are however possible cuts coming to the BOE funding. The budget cuts could cause the BOE to look at cutting certain programs like outdoor school at Hashawha and/or passing additional fees on to facility users. Another possibility that has been discussed is the closing some of the schools that are under capacity with enrollment. Next week there are meetings being held at the Community College in which the Commissioners and School Superintendent will be attending to discuss the BOE budget and funding.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Lew Baylor shared that the Carroll County Times has been printing articles lately covering Carroll County Recreation & Parks. Articles included the progress on parks, Hampstead area and Bennett Cerf Dog Park. It is outstanding public relations for our department with all positive remarks. Jeff Degitz added that this is turning into the busiest year for park development since his arrival.

Mr. Colin Furneaux mentioned the usage of the bridge over at the Dog Park and asked Jeff Degitz about the progress of the cross walk. Jeff stated that a lot of people have been viewed using the bridge already. The location of the cross walk is still being discussed.

On a motion by Brad Knatz, seconded by Brian Clancy, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff R. Degitz

Jeff R. Degitz, Administrator

Candy M. Sharrer

Candy M. Sharrer, Secretary