

PARK BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, May 12th, 2014
7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Gall, Jamie Bjerke, Orv Dahl, Travis Gransee, Laura Schaber, Mark Maloney & Dan Leistikow.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Schultz & Jim Abbott.

AGENDA:

The Board approved the May 12th, 2014 Agenda on a motion by O. Dahl, seconded by T, Gransee. Motion declared & carried.

MARCH MINUTIES:

The Board approved the March 10th, 2014 Minutes on a motion by T. Gransee, seconded by G. Gall. Motion declared & carried.

PARK ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that the Park Crew has started mowing & the spring cleanup.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that youth baseball practices have started & that youth softball will be starting practice next week. R. Schaber also stated that the Summer Programs start on June 4th.

WHITEWATER BIKE TRAIL:

R. Schaber reported that on May 8th there was a meeting with MNDNR & City Officials in regards to how the bike trail will enter Whitewater State Park. At this meeting the DNR reported that they could not agree on a route into the State Park due to a number of factors & stated that they dropped the ball. After a long discussion, R. Schaber stated that he will continue to look at other options. See attached sheets.

WELLNESS CENTER:

R. Schaber asked the board for some direction on a possible Wellness Center. After a long discussion, the Board agreed to not pursue the "Old Catholic School Property" at this time, but instead to work with the School District on new facilities at the school on a motion by G. Gall, seconded by M. Maloney. Motion declared & carried.

MOUNTIAN BIKE TRAIL:

R. Schaber reported that he once again met with members of the IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) to see what could be done for a Mountain Bike Trail. After a long discussion, G. Gall made a motion to hire a firm to design a "Pump Bike Trail", seconded by M. Maloney. Motion declared & carried.

2014 GLADIOLUS DAYS:

R. Schaber reported that the "Whitewater Coalition" has agreed to sponsor the "Friday Family Fun Night" for this year's Gladiolas Days.

2014 SUMMER STAFF:

The Board approved the 2014 Summer Staff List on a motion by D. Leistikow, seconded by L. Schaber. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheets.

LEADER DOG FUNDRAISER:

The Board approved the Lion's Club request to a fundraiser at the Dog Park on a motion by O. Dahl, seconded by G. Gall. Motion declared & carried.

2014 CANCER AWARENESS WEEK:

See attached sheets.

2014 GLADIOLUS DAYS BUTTON CONTEST:

The Board agreed that Thomas Howard's design is the winner of this year's contest on a motion by M. Maloney, seconded by D. Leistikow. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheet.

CITY OF DOVER PARK/REC REQUEST:

R. Schaber reported that the City of Dover contacted him & is looking for some options for their kids for Summer Park/Rec Activates & asked if their kids could participate in our St. Charles Programs. R. Schaber stated that there are kids from other communities that already participate in some of our programs & did see a problem with it. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to allow the Dover residents to participate on a motion by G. Gall, seconded by O. Dahl. Motion declared & carried.

WHITEWATER KIDS TRIATHOLON:

The Board agreed to allow the Whitewater Kids Triathlon Group use of the Aquatic Center on a motion by T. Gransee, seconded by J. Bjerke. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheet.

AQUATIC CENTER SOUND SYSTEM:

The Board agreed to update the sound system at the pool on a motion by O. Dahl, seconded by M. Maloney. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheet.

BOYS SOCCER CLUB:

T. Gransee asked if the Board would agree to support the Boys Soccer Club Team in their request to become a High School Sport. After some discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by M. Maloney, seconded by T. Gransee. Motion declared & carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.