



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation

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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2008
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:10 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Cheryll Elmore, Bev Johnson, Leslie Brinson, Julie Ramey, Joe Grubbs, Luke Johnson, Anna Weigand, John Turnbull, Paula McDevitt, Chris Truelock

City Admin: Jackie Moore, Legal Department

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2008 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted July 23 – August 20, 2008
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

No public comment at this time.

B-2. Bravo Award

None this month.

B-3. Staff Recognition

Ms. Weigand addressed the Board stating that the department would like to recognize Joe Grubbs, Luke Johnson, and Andy Marsden for their quick and careful actions on a Teen X-Treme Travel trip to the Illinois Caverns. On Thursday, July 31 the Teen X-Treme travel group with three staff and six campers were participating in an activity inside the caverns when they heard someone scream for help. Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Johnson left to determine what had happened while Mr. Marsden remained with the Teen X-Treme campers. Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Johnson came upon three boys from another program that had lost contact with their group. One of the boys, Sam Ahlbrand who was on the ground, bleeding and in extreme pain. It appeared as though this boy had possibly broken his leg and was going into shock. The staff quickly administered first aid and evacuated Sam from the cave. After 911 was called and the boy was removed from the cave, he was transported to a hospital. These three Teen X-Treme counselors managed the situation professionally and set a great example for all the young campers. In a letter to the

Parks Department, Sam's father stated "Were it not for their swift and sure response, I believe Sam may have suffered additional injury."

Mr. Grubbs and Mr. Johnson addressed the Board and stated that running the Teen X-Treme program has been a great experience and they really appreciate the opportunity that has been afforded them the past three years.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Offer to Purchase Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Miller Properties

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 08-08 to acquire the Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill properties. He introduced the parties involved: Randy Casady, John Seeber, and Tim Boeglin. He stated that the appropriation for funds for this acquisition will be presented to the City Council during the September 17, 24 and October 1, 2008 cycle. Funds from the City's Parks land acquisition account will be used to purchase the land. The department has been interested in acquiring the Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill properties for several years. This acquisition will allow the space to be re-used for park purposes and reclaim some green space in Cascades Park. The property does have some long term potential for trail development. The owners are willing sellers and have been very community minded in their approach to selling this property to the City. He thanked Mr. Casady, Mr. Seeber, and Mr. Boeglin for their cooperation. The required two appraisals have been obtained for each site. A small amount of oily residue was discovered at the Stone Mill site. No other concerns were identified. Other contingencies include removal of the structure down to the concrete pad that sits below it at the Stone Mill. The remaining components of the trailer park will be removed by the sellers. Staff recommends an offer of \$374,000 for the Trailer Park and \$136,000 for the Stone Mill with the previously stated conditions of removal/clean up.

The Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Casady, Mr. Seeber, and Mr. Boeglin for being so cooperative and making this a smooth process for all involved. The acquisition of this land allows for some exciting possibilities in the future as the department now owns land that extends from the south end of Lower Cascades Park all the way to Griffy Nature preserve.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve Resolution 08-08 approving the offer to purchase Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill properties. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Casady addressed the Board and expressed his thanks to them for their help and stated he has felt for quite some time that this land would be a natural fit within the City Parks and Recreation Department.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Youth Football Association to Provide a Youth Football/Cheerleading Program at Olcott Park

Mr. Truelock addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Monroe County Youth Football Association for the youth football/cheerleading program at Olcott Park. He stated that this is an organization that has been in business for about 20 years. The volunteer run organization oversees the programmatic aspects of the youth football league while the department provides the playing fields and allows use of the concession facility. This program has four separate playing experiences: Flag Football; AFL; NFL; and Cheer programs.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Monroe County Youth Football Association for the youth football/cheerleading program at Olcott Park.

Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Concession Lease Agreement at Olcott Park with Monroe County Youth Football Association

Mr. Truelock addressed the Board seeking approval of the Concession Lease Agreement at Olcott Park with Monroe County Youth Football Association (MCYFA). He stated that MCYFA uses revenue generated from concessions sales to off-set program costs for the season. The department receives \$300 as a lease payment for use of the concession facility.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the concession lease agreement at Olcott Park with Monroe County Youth Football Association. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Resolution 08-09 to Negotiate a Contract for Financial Advisory Service for Potential Indoor Recreation Center

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 08-09 allowing staff to enter into a contract with Crowe Chizek and Company LLC for financial advisory services. He stated that the results from the 2006 Citizen Attitude and Interest Survey indicated the following:

- 37% of Bloomington households identified a desire for indoor fitness and exercise facilities.
- 34% of Bloomington households identified a desire for an indoor walking/running track.
- 28% of Bloomington households identified a desire for indoor sports courts and fields.
- 13% of Bloomington households identified a desire for a senior center.

Based on this feedback, staff feels it is appropriate to explore the possibility of acquiring a facility that is for sale in the community. The proposal has two phases: Phase I – estimated at not to exceed \$15,000, is for management advisory services. Phase II, estimated at not to exceed \$30,000, is for bond issuance financial advisory services. The combined total proposed fee is not to exceed \$45,000. This is the first of several steps that will be required as part of any potential facility acquisition. The Board, City Council and the public will continue to be involved in future steps if they are pursued. The financial feasibility analysis will determine if future steps are necessary. He added that, should the department pursue a bond issue, it most likely would be a revenue bond, similar to what was done with the Golf Course expansion. This means that income through facility fees (user fees) would pay for the debt service for the bond.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve Resolution 08-09 to negotiate a contract for financial advisory services for a potential indoor recreation center. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division – National Softball Tournament Report

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the 2008 Girls 10 and Under Fastpitch National Softball Tournament. He added that this is a department-wide event. He expressed his thanks to the following staff for their leadership roles with running this successful tournament: Kim Ecenbarger for gate and admissions, Julie Ramey for publicity and updating the web site, Leslie Brinson for souvenirs, Mark Sterner and Dee Tuttle for serving as assistant directors, Chris Truelock and Rob Gilchrist for managing the concessions, Jim Roach in charge of maintenance, Sarah Nix for opening ceremonies, and the Convention & Visitors Bureau for coordinating the hospitality and umpires. He added his thanks to everyone that helps out at the gate, souvenirs, parking, etc. It is a huge undertaking that takes a lot of cooperation among staff. This year's tournament hosted 35 teams from 11 states, with the greatest representation from California. This translates into 455 players, 32 umpires, 2,500 additional family members, 1,500 room nights, with an estimated \$1.3 million economic impact to the community (retail, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.). Revenue from this tournament brought in \$18,681 in souvenir sales, \$17,145 in gate sales, \$12,250 in entry fees. Some of the costs for hosting the event included: \$25,000 bid fee to ASA and \$5,112 in umpire payroll. He stated that he does not yet have a net revenue total, but estimates around \$15,000-\$20,000 to the department after expenses. First place winners were Team Smith Blue from California, second place winners were Corona Angels, also from California, with the third place winners being the South California Bat Busters. Next year's tournament will be the Northern Regional 18A and 10 and Under B, run simultaneously.

The Board and staff expressed their thanks to everyone involved in helping run these successful tournaments: the staff, the CVB, volunteers and the local media. Staff uses tournament evaluations to make improvements in future tournaments.

D-3. Recreation Division – Summer Food Program

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the 2008 summer food program. This program is offered through a partnership with MCCSC. This is the fourth summer that this program was offered. The program offers free, nutritious meals to low income children. The partnership with MCCSC allows for the schools to accept the financial and administrative responsibility for the program, in addition to preparing the food and planning the menu. They receive funding from the State for their costs. The Parks and Recreation staff supplied the day to day activities (supervision, activities, and proper forms). A new site was utilized this year due to construction at Templeton Elementary School. Bryan Park was used to serve lunch from 11:30 – 12:30 with activities from 12:30 – 1:30. The meals were served in an available shelter house. A total of 716 lunches were served at this site during the summer. Now in its fifth year at Tri-North Middle School, this site served 1,409 lunches (compared to 843 in 2007). Lunch was served from 11:30 – 12:30 and supervised play was provided from 12:30 – 5:00. This site averaged more than 30 participants per day, with daily trips to Mills Pool. The program shared this site with the MCCSC Adventure Camp. Staff had access to the building on rainy days when needed. The third site was Broadview Park, now in its 2nd year for this program. Lunch was served from 11:30 – 12:30 and supervised activities were available until 1:30. A total of 679 lunches were served here (down somewhat from 2007). This proved to be a good site for the lunch program, but most families left after lunch without participating in the recreational activities. In its fifth year for the dinner program, the Banneker Center served 1,036 meals during the course of 43 days (compared to 913 in 2007). This program runs from 5:00 – 9:00 with many of the children that participated in the Tri-North Lunch Program continuing on through the dinner program. Ms. Brinson added that many children arrived at Tri-North at 10:00 a.m. when the staff arrived and stayed with them until 9:00 p.m. when the program concluded, receiving two meals during the course of the day. The total numbers served during the month of June was 1,874 (compared to 973 in 2007); in July 1,972 meals were served (compared to 1,476 in 2007). A grand total of 3,840 meals were served this summer (compared to 2,541 in 2007).

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners