

Rockville Park & Recreation Board Minutes of June 7, 2012 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Present: Scott, Paul, John, Steve, Rick T., Lori, Rick H. & Duane

1. May mtg. min. were approved with a motion by John and a second by Paul.
2. **Ball Program:** Bryan Durkee was present to give this report. He handed out a summary and a schedule. 75 youth are involved. Good support from the parents. He's been chalking the fields, and Rick and the maint. dept. are doing a great job of keeping the fields nice! He also did a coaches newsletter and started a website. After some discussion it was decided that any information on the ball program should be on the city website and so Bryan will take his website down. It was stressed that we are all under the supervision of the council/city administrator. The umpire has been at every game, and really shouldn't be, but that is how he got hired. Next year we could possibly paint some graphics on the concession stand. Rick H. built a picnic table and a 6' bench at main field. Thanks Rick!
3. **Nature Parks & Trails:** "Share the Road" signs are up. At Eagle Park the improvements to the bridge are done (thanks to Tim & Duane and some Lions members). Mowing, thistle removal & weed spraying are being done by volunteers. There have been numerous field trips, and it was brought up that there should be a Port-a-potty there. A "Canoe Access" sign was ordered to hang from the bridge. There was an issue with dogs in the park and not being leashed with many children present. Signs will be put up. There was lots of discussion on putting in a dock for the canoe access and to fish off of. Probably a 24' roll in dock (\$2500-\$3000.00). Will request to the Park Board for approval to go ahead with this. Want to request speed testing to slow traffic by park entrances. Was some discussion of changing the *Nature Parks and Trails Committee* to "Friends of Eagle Park", and just being independent and not part of a city board.
4. We (the Park bd.) discussed the dock idea and, with a motion by John and a second by Rick T., it was decided not to approve a request to the council to move forward on this project at this time. It was felt that this was too expensive and the council would never approve it. There could be issues with it getting stuck in the muck and possibly wrecked trying to get it in and out. How would this work with the river going up & down? Is the length too long? There was a suggestion that there could be a DNR grant that could possibly pay for something like this.
5. There was a motion by Paul with a second by Scott to approve up to \$150.00 for a reimbursement to Duane W. for materials needed to repair the Eagle Park bridge.

6. Tree planting went great! Thanks to Paul for all his coordinating. It was done on a Fri. evening with help from Lions & Park bd. members, and Rick H. The next step is to possibly have STS put in the mat and mulch around the trees. There were 6 trees put in at community ball field, 17 in Lions Park, and 10 more planned for fall.
7. The rain gardens grant looks as though it is approved, but the money will probably come next year and make this a 2013 project.
8. The Kiddie Tractor Pull for Rockfest (sponsored by the Park bd.) will be at 3:00 on Sat. July 7th. Members will help work this event.
9. We discussed possibly doing some clean up at the building at Lions Park, even though it won't be used for voting anymore, it is still used for some other events.
10. It was brought up if we could connect the walking path around Lions Park with a short path to Lake Road on the west end. Rick T. will check into the cost of this. This would be especially helpful for bikers and in the winter since the walking path is kept plowed, but you have to be able to get to it.
11. We do not meet in July, so our next meeting will be Thurs. Aug. 2, 2012.
12. Motion to adjourn by Steve with a second by Rick T.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Anderson