

## Rockville Park & Recreation Board Minutes of Jan. 2, 2014 Meeting

Called to order at 7:00pm

Present: Scott, Rick, Paul, Lori, Duane, Kevin & Don S.(part of it)

1. Motion by Paul with a second by Rick to approve the Dec. meeting minutes.
2. The hockey rink hasn't had any volunteers to flood it, so Duane and Kevin did start putting layers of water on it. The maint. dept. doesn't have time to do this. (But we have had an unusual year with snow removal, so maybe next year this won't be an issue and they'll have time.)
3. Brian D. was not here tonight, but we need to talk to him about the needs for the ball program, and then maybe apply for a Stearns Electric Round-up Grant.
4. There was some discussion that the County Park and the City Parks should try to do more to entice people to use them more. Some ideas would be: skating, hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing . . . .
5. Kevin informed us that the tractor used for mowing parks need to be replaced with a bigger tractor (which would save lots of time) and the cutting unit is totally being fixed up and repaired. It shouldn't take 8 hours to mow a park. He is looking for a used one and will keep us informed.
6. John Koerber no longer lives in Rockville and will not be attending our meetings. He has been such a great influence on our parks, especially Lions Park. Scott talked to Rena and we would like to do something to honor him at a council meeting.
7. The Polar Plunge is set for Feb. 15 on Pleasant Lake. Paul will work with Mike H. & Brian on the parking issues. We will allow parking again in Lions Park, obviously with some plowing done.
8. We are planning another *Winter Fun Fest Day* on Sat. Feb. 22 from 1-3:00 to be held near the hockey rink. We would have hot cider, cookies, skating, snow sculptures, prizes, and some winter games. We will finalize these plans at our Feb. meeting.

9. We would like to get some new members on the Park Board, and preferably from other areas in Rockville, besides the Pleasant Lake area. Scott asked Rena for some help with this, since she knows a greater cross section of the population. We need to push this issue more so that there is more than just the 4 of us, along with Duane and Kevin.
10. We briefly went over our budget. Any line item that had more than \$1000 was re-designated.
11. Motion to adjourn by Lori with a second by Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 – Next meeting is Thurs., Feb. 6

Respectfully submitted by Lori Anderson