

Recreation Advisory Board MARCH 14, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Buck Jolly, Herman Little, David Kleinschuster, Bill Sterritt, Danielle Horwat, and Johnnie Walton. Also present were City Manager Rich Olson, Captain John Young, and Bobbi White.

Mr. Buck Jolly called the meeting to order.

Minutes from February 2013 meeting were approved.

No comments from the public.

Old Business:

Election of Vice-Chairperson: Herman Little Vice-Chair for Recreation Advisory Board
Dr. Sterritt made motion, Johnnie Walton seconded.
Motion approved.

Bobbi White gave updates on the following:

Edgewood Park-Playground equipment has been installed as well as fence post and some of the fence. The boarder is being installed now and swing set is being repainted. Mulch will need to be installed. Ribbon cutting for new playground scheduled for Wed, April 3rd at 2pm.

ECDI Music Park-Rebecca Cross, ECDI Director, was going to present tonight but was ill and could not make it. Several areas in Mariners' Wharf and Waterfront Park have been looked at to install a Music Park. Project would be funded by ECDI and cost \$20,000.

Little League-Registration is ongoing. Numbers so far are:

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| TBall Boys | 85 |
| 7-8 Boys | 52 |
| 9-12 Boys | 59 |
| 13-15 boys | 16 |
| Girls TBall | 53 |
| 7-8 Girls | 22 |
| 9-12 Girls | 37 |

Tryouts for Little League ages 7-12 will be held on Monday, March 18th at 6:00pm at South Park. Raindate will be Wednesday, March 20th.

Girls Volleyball-4 teams playing in the league on Friday nights.

CO ED Volleyball-5 teams playing in the league on Friday nights after the girl's league.

Adult Softball League-registration has begun, \$350 per team.

Easter Egg Hunt-Parks and Recreation will hold a Easter Egg Hunt at Waterfront Park on Saturday March 23rd at 11am for ages 2-8.

Mack Sawyer Building-Renovations have been completed on the front two rooms of the building to house the ECDI office. Mr. Walton stated the City has not committed to any funds

for a project at this time. Dr. Sterritt questioned the security. Mr. Rich Olson described the restroom and shower facilities to the board and stated the charge would be \$3 or \$4 to shower. He also stated the primary purpose of this building is restrooms for the parks and storage for Parks and Recreation.

New Business:

PAL-Captain John Young advised the Board that the Boys and Girls club had sold the building and the football field area. Plans were to move PAL football to the Old Sheep Harney Stadium/Memorial Field. Andrea Adams, Principal at Sheep Harney and Mr. Williams, Superintendent of Schools like the idea. Mr. Jolly asked if the field would be lighted. It was stated that the City would move the lights from Boys and Girls field to Memorial Field. Dr. Sterritt asked about the youth baseball field. John Young answered that a retention pond will be built and 50 feet taken away from the field. Mr. Olson added that the lights at Boys and Girls club have been disconnected. Dr. Sterritt stated to the Board that each County Commissioner received a letter from the Meads family about renaming the Old ECMS building after Mr. Scott Callaway. John Young stated that PAL anticipated that and have been calling the building the PAL Community Center. He added that AJ Chase, 2012 Olympic Boxing Coach is moving to the area and offering 6-18 kids boxing thru PAL.

2013 Budget-Bobbi White went through the 2013-14 budget and Capital Improvement Projects.

Dr. Sterritt would like Holmes Field to be renovated to be able to be used by COA and others. Mr. Olson responded that he would not spend more money on Holmes Field since it is built on a landfill and there is considerable settling. Mr. Olson suggested finding a new site and building a field. Dr. Sterritt stated we should take \$250,000 and buy land for new field(s). Mr. Olson suggested to buy land around South Park and build a field with a proper municipal stadium for ECSU, COA, and a Semi-Pro team. Mr. Walton stated he would like to see a joint Parks and Recreation and PAL football field, 2 football fields with lights, irrigation, and stands and make the parking lot on Glade Street behind the Fire Department. Dr. Kleinschuster stated to make sure PAL has a football field this fall. Mr. Jolly stated to measure Memorial Field again and get cost estimates.

Mr. Jolly asked about the bike and walking trails North to COA and South to USCG. Mr. Olson answered yes, North to COA with extra wide sidewalks on bridge too and they will tie into North Road Street sidewalk system.

Mr. Walton stated he wants a baseball stadium and to get all stakeholders together now. He asked about a bond referendum. Mr. Walton then added the Fish Courts need fill.

Mr. Jolly thanked the City Manager for attending.

Mr. Walton made motion to adjourn. Mr. Little seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi White