

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

The special monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. The meeting had been rescheduled from Tuesday, September 11, 2012, in remembrance of Patriots Day. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Terry Senger and Richard Wood. Marty Judd was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were: James Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Heidi Schiller, Arts and Programs Manager; Robert Schappacher, Facilities and Operations Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Coordinator, and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Representatives of the Megan Filipek Memorial "Filly Fly" Golf Outing (Tom Filipek, Beth Filipek and Elaine King) presented the Board with a donation to the Parks and Recreation Department's Scholarship Fund of \$5,200.00. The monies were generated at the June 23, 2012 golf outing in memory of Megan Filipek. The Board thanks the representatives for their generosity.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The August meeting minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Revenue/Expense Report (July 2012): Jim Bell reviewed the July operations and expense report (attached). Mr. Bell commented that the unseasonably mild winter/spring had been a boost to the golf operations, increasing the number of rounds played by approximately 5,800 rounds from 2011. The hot summer weather had been a boost to the aquatic center operations and the efficiencies implemented within the Marsh Park operation continued to pay dividends.

2013 Operating Budget Review: Jim Bell reviewed the proposed 2013 Parks and Recreation Budget. Jim Bell discussed the varying external and internal influences on the 2013 budget and the task of reducing the budget and improving efficiencies. Tentatively, the 2013 budget is approximately a .08% reduction from the 2012 budget.

Huffman Park Update: Jim Bell reported that the project was progressing and the dedication ceremony date and time had been finalized with the Huffman family. The dedication ceremony has been scheduled for 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: No report.

Planning Commission Update: Mr. Bob Myron reported the Planning Commission's past agenda items have included several sign variance and the construction of the Dollar General Store (Patterson/River Road).

Environmental Commission Update: Mr. Breen reported that the next meeting of the Environmental Commission is scheduled for September 5, 2102.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Doctor Goodman reported that the CAAC's past agenda items included the upcoming 2012/2013 theater season and the 2013 art gallery exhibits.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Interviews for Advisory Committees: Ms. Roberta Miller was scheduled to interview for the vacant position on the CAAC. Ms. Miller did not attend the interview; this was the second interview date missed by Ms. Miller. The Board would not reschedule the interview, unless contacted by Ms. Miller.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 5:30 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary