Park and Recreation Commission

Andrew Cota, Chairman

Beverly Moran
James Benanto
Ronald Sill
James Butler Sr.
Bruce Sill
John Bittmann

Minutes

(meeting recorded)

Monthly meeting: Tuesday October 9, 2018 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Beverly Moran, James Butler Sr., Bruce Sill and John Bittmann. James Benanto and Ronald Sill were excused.

Athletic Director Matthew Bradshaw was present. Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION made by Beverly Moran and second by James Butler Sr. Move to accept the minutes of September 10, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:
No one came forward.

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CORRESPONDENCES:
Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:
Parks & Recreation Director's Report: The Director was attending the special Building Committee meeting along with Mr. Sill and Mr. Benanto.

Chairman Cota noted that two treadmills have been replaced at the Derby Veteran's Community Center. The annual shutdown in September did occur and Mr. Cota was unaware of any issues.

The Boys of Summer program and John Netto have generously offered to perform repairs on the softball field at Bradley School. They were successful in obtaining grant funding for the project.

Mr. Bittmann noted that he has stopped by the Coon Hollow basketball courts. The players are very pleased with the condition of the courts and the courts are certainly getting a tremendous amount of use. This is a very successful recreational program.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Bradshaw is quickly becoming familiar with his duties as Athletic Director. The fall programs are progressing. Practices are being held at Bradley and Witek. There was a small difficulty at Witek as the sprinklers were allowed to continue even through the rain so conditions were a bit swampy.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:
Update on the Football/Baseball/Field house Committees
Chairman Cota noted that a meeting was held last week with the architects for the field house and discussions are progressing on the anticipated needs and uses of the building. There will be further discussions on the operations of the building so that it will function to the needs and use of the building. The maintenance needs are being reviewed and Public Works is participating in the discussions. The

design of the kitchen is being reviewed to insure it's effective function for the concession stand needs as well as the banquet function needs.

Mr. O'Connell is still exploring options for a storage building for recreation equipment as well as maintenance equipment.

Chairman Cota noted that the recent strong rain storm caused significant run off from the construction sites. There were impacts down hill on Hawthorne Avenue and the surrounding neighborhoods. The committees are reviewing the impacts and holding discussions.

MOTION by Beverly Moran and second by Bruce Sill. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.

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