

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

Call to order- Julie Called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present: Derell Wilson, Julie Cagle, Grant Neurendorf, Jeff Brown, Peter Camp, Cheryl Hancin, Tara Booker, meeting held by Zoom

1. D. Wilson Made a motion to move the public comment section of the agenda to before new business. Second by J. Brown Passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes. Wilson/Brown Passed unanimously

Public Comment

Fred Phelps requested the Ad hoc tennis committee's term be expanded 2 more years and the 4 current members be reappointed and to confirm Frank Frantoni as the fifth member. Fred also spoke on the status of Armstrong Courts. The current bid has missed its deadline and the committee had recommended to start with 4 courts and others could be added in the future.

New Business

1. Program update

We are half way through the spring programs most were 90%-95% full

April Vacation Camp was full everyday

Basketball free clinics are being run in the neighborhoods

Summer Camp will be held at Uncas

There will be 4 specialty camps that will run 2 weeks each. The tennis camp for 9-12 year olds is free

Spaulding Pond is scheduled to open June 23rd and swimming lessons will be held

Derell requested the number of participants and on wait lists to advocate for adequate spaces

2. Facilities

Ken reported the maintenance crew was prepping for baseball & Softball tournaments. They are also preparing for the Splash & Dash on June 11.

There was a discussion about Armstrong Courts and the 4 courts verses 6 courts. Tara reported the project is "on Pause" with no time frame in place even though the city council has approved the funds for the 4 courts. Julie asked about pickle ball courts being added but the Stanton courts would be the better location for pickle ball.

Jenkins Park the second basketball court will be paved, however, lights will not be installed for that court. The rest of the park's upgrades are on hold waiting for the "Master Plan". The city is looking for community input. ARPA phase I was to be used to beautify and upgrade neighborhoods those monies need to be used by 12/31/2024.

3. Ad-hoc Tennis Committee

Julie will send a letter to the city clerk stating the Rec Advisory Board made a motion to extend the committee to Feb. 2024 and reappoint Roy Wentworth, Martha Healy, Erin Challinor & Fred Phelps. A second motion was made to accept Frank Frantoni as a new member. Both motions passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

ARPA money using schools as community centers but in the sense of supporting youth and families and after school activities.

Vacancy update- adding a rec maintainer and having a full time administration specialist. More data is need for the adding programming staff.

Budget 22-23 starts in October 2022. The city council wants to use public workshops in the budget process before it goes to the city council

5. Next meeting July 20, 2022 6pm

5. Adjournment