

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2007

The meeting of the Parks & Rec. Board was called to order on March 28, 2007 at 5:01PM at the Algoma Youth Club.

Present: Scott Ryan, Marge Rodrian, & Ken Taylor

Absent: Bob Hafeman & Todd Kirchman

Also present: Gary Paape, Terry Qualman, & Dona Fisher

Moved by Ryan second by Rodrian to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Gary Paape discussed the Tribute Tree program. 5 trees have been donated for various parks. Discussed that a majority of the trees at Newman Park are in poor condition. Suggested we consider doing some trimming and removal of dead and poor trees. He also suggested some of the donated trees could be planted in Newman Park.
- Dona Fisher addressed the committee about an idea to start a senior center in Knudson Hall. Perhaps they could have games, exercise classes, and a gift shop in the center. It could be open 3 afternoons a week for starters. The committee consensus is to be agreeable to the possibility and Fisher will continue to research.

Moved by Ryan second by Rodrian to approve last month's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodrian second by Ryan to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The summer park program was discussed. Amy Haack, program director, was unable to attend the meeting but did have written suggestions for our committee as to possible employees and program suggestions. It will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Director's Report:

- Bloodmobile will be at the Youth Club Wednesday, April 4th.
- The Grade School Science Fair will be at the Youth Club Thursday, March 29th.
- UIP Dance at the Youth Club will be Friday, April 13th.
- Easter Bunny Breakfast will be Saturday, March 31st at the Youth Club.
- Park & Rec. Basketball Hot Shot contest drew 35 kids.
- Park & Rec. Basketball 3 point – Free Throw contest drew 13 kids.
- Algoma Optimist Club – Pass, Shoot, & Dribble contest drew 27 kids.
- Park & Rec. Dept. is offering learn to speak German beginning April 11th at Knudson Hall. Sign up by calling 487-5480.
- Babe Ruth Baseball sign-up for 13, 14, & 15 year olds is at the Youth Club. Sign up before April 13th.
- DNR permit not needed at DeMeuse Park
- Minor damage at Peterson Park & Richmond Park, broken bench & broken light.

- Discussed a remote control item that Sheboygan used to get rid of their seagulls & geese. Qualman will research further.
- Thanks to Katie Magno, who works for Claradon Hills Park District, for making us aware of items being given away such as bleachers, park benches, garbage cans, etc. We got several items for use in our parks.
- The library has asked if the Youth Club would consider opening after school for kids that currently hang out at the library. The Club tried this a few years ago with no success. The Committee decided not to open after school as we don't anticipate this being worth hiring someone to work at the Club at this time period.
- Discussed new safety data rules the Park & Rec. Dept. will need to comply with.

Old Business:

- Taylor has still been unable to talk to Green Bay's Chamber about their vendor regulations so we can use that info. as we consider allowing vendors on our beach.
- Perry Field's building is getting close to done. The summer workers will be starting mid May & can replace sod around the building. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be Friday, June 1st at 4:00PM.
- No estimates for dock frame for DeMeuse Park yet.

New Business:

- Discussed the scoreboard at Perry Field as it malfunctioned a lot last year. Qualman will have it looked at.
- Jeff Kroenig & the Utility will be working on rewiring the lights on the field at Perry Field.

Moved by Ryan second by Rodrian to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.