

PARK BOARD
MINUTES
Monday, December 9th, 2013
7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Gall, Jim Abbott, Travis Gransee, Laura Schaber, Jamie Bjerke, Dan Leistikow & Nick Koverman.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Orv Dahl & Mike Schultz.

AGENDA:

The Board approved the December 9th, 2013 Agenda on a motion by J. Bjerke, seconded by T. Gransee. Motion declared & carried.

NOVEMBER MINUTES:

The Board approved the November 4th, 2013 Minutes on a motion D. Leistikow, seconded by G. Gall. Motion declared & carried.

PARK ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that the Park Department has started on the Ice Rinks.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that Winter Programs have started.

WHITEWATER BIKE TRAIL:

R. Schaber reported that we are still waiting on the DNR Ecological Study. R. Schaber stated that when this report is completed, we will be able to get the landowners contracts signed.

WELLNESS CENTER:

No report.

CITY BIKE TRAIL:

No report.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Next meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

The Board approved Mark Maloney as the Park Board member for Amy Sikkink's vacancy on a motion by G. Gall, seconded by J. Abbott. Motion declared & carried.

CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

N. Koverman reported that the City Council & School Board had a joint meeting. At this meeting the groups discussed Ballfields & Gym space issues, as well as other factors that could change our community over the next number of years. N. Koverman stated that it was a good meeting that lasted about 2 ½ hours. The City & School District agreed to continue to work together to see what can be done to resolve the sport facilities issues. After a long discussion, the Board agreed to meet next month at the old Catholic School, to see if it is an option for gym space/community center.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL:

R. Schaber & G. Gall met with representatives from the International Mountain Bike Association to see what could be built in St. Charles at Keiffer Park. After a meeting at City Hall & a sight visit to Kieffer Park, the group felt that there was great potential for the Mountain Bike Park in St. Charles. The group will now determine possible design options & costs.

2013 RECREATION REPORT:

Next meeting.

2013 APPRECIATION DINNER:

N. Koverman reported that the Appreciation Dinner is set for Friday, January 10th at Patriot's Pub. Invitations will be sent out this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by L. Schaber, seconded by D. Leistikow. Motion declared & carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.