

PARK BOARD

June 9, 2014

The June 9, 2014 Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jack Leonard, Sharri Racheter, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler. Jon Blackburn was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; John Miller; Morris Lear; Roger Shultz; Charlie Parker; Tom Shumaker; Marla Ritter; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>
Marla Ritter		375.94
Aquatic Technology		110.92
American Fire & Safety Services		475.00
Brown Supply Co.	306.73	
Carmar Gardens	108.87	
OP Aquatics		189.50
Park Enterprise Construction	<u>7750.00</u>	
Total	8165.60	<u>1151.36</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$9,316.96

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Ms. Racheter, for the approval and payment of bill totaling \$9,316.96. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 12, 2014 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. John Miller and Mr. Morris Lear, representing the Girls Slow Pitch Softball League, addressed the Park Board concerning noise complaints from neighbors of the Water Tower Park. Mr. Miller indicated that he has been going from car to car during the games and asking observers to refrain from honking their horns. Mayor Washburn noted that some neighbors have complained about games being played late. Mr. Miller indicated that games will no longer be played much past 10:30 p.m. depending upon where those games are in the inning that is being played. Mr. Roberts indicated that he and Mr. Lear looked at the restroom building in Water Works Park that is not being used and the possibility of moving that building to Water Tower Park was suggested. Mr. Lear also suggested the possibility of moving the League to Water Works Park. Mr. Roberts also suggested the possibility of moving the infield from the current location at the northwest corner of Water Tower Park to the northeast corner as the house trailers located across Warpole Street to the east have been damaged by balls hit over the outfield fence. Park Board members agreed to take these suggestions into consideration.

Mr. Roger Shultz and Mr. Charlie Parker addressed the Park Board indicating that they would like to hold a charity event in Harrison Smith Park this year to benefit cancer research. The event would include a 5K run, concert, basketball tournament, volleyball tournament, and food vendors. Park Board suggested Mr. Shultz and Mr. Parker continue planning their event and return to a future a Park Board meeting when they have more information available.

Mrs. Marla Ritter addressed the Park Board and expressed her appreciation for the lifeguard chairs, umbrellas, picnic tables, and lounge chairs at the pool. Mrs. Ritter indicated that the restrooms in the pool house need to be addressed as the showers and the restroom faucets leak. Ms. Racheter added that the restroom stall doors in the pool house are rusted and need to be replaced. Mrs. Ritter also noted that she would like to post "No Loitering" signs in the pool area for non-swimmers, not including those individuals who come to supervise children. Mr. Moore will obtain these signs. Mr. Roberts also suggested that "No Smoking" signs be posted outside the pool house as smoke blows into the pool house and individuals walking with bare feet could step on a cigarette butt if it is not properly discarded. Mr. Moore will obtain these signs.

Fishing at the pond at Duck Pond Park was again discussed. It was noted that at the May 12, 2014 Park Board meeting, the Park Board voted to recommend to City Council to adopt an ordinance to limit fishing at the Duck Pond Park pond to children ages 16 years of age and under only. Park Board members reviewed the Harrison Smith Park Pond Fishing Regulations as contained in Chapter 953 of the Codified Ordinances.

A motion was made by Ms. Racheter, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to rescind the motion made at the May 12, 2014 to recommend to City Council to adopt an ordinance to limit fishing at the Duck Pond Park pond to children ages 16 years of age and under only; and instead recommend to City Council to adopt the same fishing regulations for Duck Pond Park Pond as currently existing for the Harrison Smith Park Pond. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Ms. Racheter reported that she discussed the possibility of individuals visiting Duck Pond Park to park in the Steer Barn parking lot with the business owner, and she indicated that the owner has no issue with this request however it would be preferred that they not park there on Fridays and Saturdays. Ms. Racheter also noted that the owner has taken care of the mowing of the park for several years. Mr. Moore indicated that the Park Department is currently taking care of mowing this park. Ms. Racheter further noted that employees of the Steer Barn witnessed someone with a pick-up truck dropping ducks off at the park earlier this year.

Mayor Washburn indicated that he has received inquiries from individuals who are interested in purchasing Duck Pond Park if the City would be interested in selling the property. It would have to be declared by the City that the property will never be used again by the City and it would have to be sold through a bid process. The property is deed restricted as a green space and cannot be built on. Mayor Washburn will request Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, attend the next Park Board meeting to explain this further.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman