A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at 4 p.m. at the Kuehn Community Center.

Members present: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Members absent: Patti Abdallah and Mark Millage.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Kelby Mieras, Park Operations Manager; and Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager.

Others present: Beth Wischmeyer, Argus Leader; Lyle Smith, Sioux Empire Baseball Association; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Kevin Nyberg reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the current agenda. Sandra Pay reported that all Park System Planning and Development Committee items are on the current agenda. The Partnerships and Recreation Committee did not meet.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Dave Fischer presented the Terrace Park batting cage complex gifting agreement. The agreement is with the Sioux Empire Baseball Association (SEBA) to construct and gift an upscale batting cage complex to the City. Sioux Falls Construction will be building the complex to honor Eugene Moser, a longtime employee at the company who had a passion for youth baseball. Priority for usage of the complex will follow the “athletic facility priority usage guidelines” found in the department’s policies and guidelines. A motion was made to approve the gifting agreement. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Fischer presented the proposed concession policy revisions. The revisions are necessary to clarify the parameters of a “long-term” concession permit and will also accommodate efforts to obtain a concession vendor for the Overlook Café for the duration of Winter Wonderland. A motion was made to approve the concession policy revisions. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.
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Under the Director’s report, Don Kearney said the department is currently working with the Human Resources department to develop the job descriptions for the Park Caretaker and Recreation Coordinator positions we will be adding in 2013. The jobs will be posted in the coming weeks. Phase 2 of the Downtown River Greenway is going well and is ahead of schedule. The bike trail will be opened up through the project limits by the end of November. The upcoming Russell Street project will have some minor impacts on Elmwood Park. The department may be asking the Park Board to call a special meeting in the near future to review the impacts and approve a de minimus finding for the project. The project will also detour the bike trail for the duration of the bridge replacement work.

Community Development secured a grant from the DENR to pay for soil borings at the Elmwood Golf Course. The information is needed to move forward on the potential RFP to develop a hotel on the site that would accommodate the traveling golfer. Fairway Suites originally approached Tom Jansa a couple of years ago about the hotel idea. The project is targeted at golf courses that are near airports to accommodate the business traveler.

The Great Bear Recreation Park public meeting went well and was well attended. The department received a lot of feedback from the public on what they would like to see in the future at Great Bear. The Sioux River South Sanitary Sewer Project will be going through Yankton Trail Park in the coming months. An exhibit was provided to show the route of the sewer and the impacts. The project will be done in the winter months and restored by the end of March. The north road will be paved by June 1, 2013, in time for the Dakota Alliance tournament. The trees donated by Hy-Vee will be moved throughout the park prior to the project beginning.

No reading of communications to the Board.

No open Board discussion.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President