A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at 4 p.m. at the MariCar Community Center.

A railroad relocation project update and future quarry use presentation was given prior to the scheduled Park Board meeting.

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

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Josh Peterson, Bob Kappel, and Dave McElroy, City Public Works department; Beth Wischmeyer, Argus Leader; Lyle Smith, Sioux Empire Baseball Association; Alicia Collura, Jill Franken, and Jennifer Johnson, City Health department, and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Mark Millage 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. Pat Lloyd reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Alicia Luther presented the vending concession contract. The contract would be with Premium Food and Beverage for three years with two optional one-year extensions. The City received $21,000 in 2011 and $19,000 through November in 2012 with the previous contract. The prices can fluctuate during the contract, but the City approves any changes to the prices. A motion was made to approve the contract. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the Sioux Empire Baseball Association (SEBA) gifting agreement for ticket booths and fencing at Harmodon Park. SEBA is proposing to replace and upgrade the two existing ticket booths and add fencing on the baseball side of Harmodon Park. A picture of the proposed ticket booths was included in the Board packets. The fencing would be added to make it easier to collect entry fees at the ticket booths. The approximate locations were shown on an exhibit, with the final location to be approved by staff. SEBA proposes to have them both complete by June 1, 2015. 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, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.
Fischer and Kelby Mieras presented the 2013 Policies and Guidelines revisions. Page 4 of the Policies and Guidelines was revised to add a section on fishing derbies/tournaments at Family Park to the Special Events Reservations. Page 14 was revised to allow remote control aircrafts in the park system by special permit per Ordinance Section 27-11. Page 18 was updated to identify wedding events as weddings or wedding receptions. Page 33 was replaced with the updated concession policy that was approved by the Board at the October 23, 2012, meeting. A tobacco-free policy was added to prohibit the use of tobacco products on City-owned playgrounds and at facilities where youth activities take place. A motion was made to approve the 2013 Policies and Guidelines revisions. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Don Kearney and Pay presented the election of 2013 officers. The Board nominated Michael Crane as President, Pat Lloyd as Vice President, and Mark Millage as Secretary. A motion was made to approve the nominations. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said operations staff has been making ice and the ice rinks are scheduled to open December 21 weather permitting. Great Bear Recreation Park is open for the season. The department outlined the timeline for the Spellerberg Indoor Aquatic Facility schematic design and the citywide Aquatic Facility Master Plan. Both projects will start in early January and be complete by May. TSP will be the primary consultant for the Spellerberg schematic design. Counsilman-Hunsaker was the consultant on the previous Aquatic Facility Master Plan for Sioux Falls and was selected for this one based on their previous knowledge of our park system and their expertise in the field. Focus group meetings and public input sessions will start in early January. Community Center attendance has been very strong this year. We also broke a record for both men’s and women’s basketball league team registrations. Kearney thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for making 2012 a great year and wished everyone happy holidays.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, Kearney said the City has made an offer to the top candidate for the new Recreation Coordinator position and expects that person to start employment on January 7, 2013.

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

Mark R. McCay
Secretary

Approved by

President