



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from April 3, 2018

In attendance: Joanne Crawford, Kevin Kissling, Tom Manley, Terry Ferris, Megan O'Rourke, Cathy Peduzzi (CSD Representative), Emily Fox (WAC liaison), Tom Blomstrom (Parks and Recreation Director), and Jackie Bender (Parks and Recreation Staff - Recording Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Koontz Park.

Kevin Kissling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of new Parks and Recreation part-time staff person Jackie Bender.

Parks and Recreation Board Committees

- Joanne Crawford will represent the PR Board at the Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Spring Mill Fire Company.
 - Terry Ferris will also try to attend.
- Discussion of selecting a PR Board Representative to serve as a liaison for the 4th of July Parade Committee.
 - April 24: Open
 - May 23: Terry Ferris
 - June 14: Joanne Crawford

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of February 13th Meeting motioned to approve by Joanne Crawford, Terry Ferris seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Whitemarsh Art Center Report

- Report was accepted as submitted.
- Discussion ensued about programs, events, and logistics about a new building.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report

- Tom Blomstrom presented the February-March Director's Report as submitted (and electronically).
- Comments on Director's Report
 - Discussion on social media usage in department: looking into a platform to post to all outlets.
 - Cathy Peduzzi asked about rain plans for Township Day – Tom Blomstrom explained that the rain plan will involve moving the adjacent parking lot.

- O'Rourke asked that the Greenhouse Program plant sale flyer be sent to the softball and baseball leagues.
 - Tom Blomstrom will follow up.
- Wells Street Open Space:
 - Clean up on April 14th is from 8am-11am.
 - Terry Ferris brought up motorbikes being run on the open space. Tom Blomstrom stated that gates and signs were installed and to call police with any sightings.
- The report was accepted as submitted.

New Business

- Megan O'Rourke: Discussion in creating programs for international students who are new to the area in the school district (Ridge Park Elementary).
 - One idea was Cricket.
 - Cathy Peduzzi suggested the potential of an after school group or club.
 - Also, suggested was outreach on current programs with information to on how to register/participate.

Old Business

- Terry Ferris brought up thanking the resident who cleans up open space from her neighborhood.
 - She will bring a card to the next meeting for everyone to sign.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 5th, 2018 at 7pm at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building-
Koontz Park

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bender