

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of February 9, 2012

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, chairperson, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

Present: Jim Wein, Chris Viegut, Jane Yaeger, Julie Smith and Alderman Tom Buttke.

Excused: Brenda Baur, Tom Oettiker

Absent: None

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; and Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor.

PR12-05 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting.

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

Englehart presented a recommendation to set the fee for the three new small soccer fields at Griese Park at \$12.10 for a two-hour period, and the one large field fee would be \$24.20 per two-hour period. Both recommended fee amounts include the state sales tax.

PR12-06 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the fees for the new soccer fields as recommended.

Motion Carried 5-0

Information Items: Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility. Tom Buttke presented the Zoo Report. Tom indicated that the can recycling for the benefit of the zoo has been very successful and he is continuing the program in 2012. To date, they have recycled 7,538 pounds of metal and raised \$2,580 for the zoo. He also commented that the Zoo Society will not be holding the Hoot in the Zoo event this year and are instead considering bringing back the Zoo Fest event.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: Viegut noted that while walking along our trails in various parks, he has identified a number of stumps that have been left standing well above the ground level. He would like to encourage our staff, and contractors removing trees in the parks and along trails, to cut the stump as close to ground level as possible.

Future Agenda Items: None identified

Communications: Englehart reviewed comments and concerns the department had received since the last committee meeting.

PR12-04 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Smith to adjourn.

Motion Carried 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director