

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of December 14th, 2006

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wildwood Station Building in Wildwood Park, 1800 S. Central Avenue.

Present: Jim Wein, Brenda Baur, Alderman Tom Buttke, Julie Smith, Chris Viegut, Jane Sautner-Yaeger, and Marc-Oliver Wright

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Chad Dallman, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; Terri Buttke, and Jon Viegut

There were no comments regarding the November 16th meeting minutes.

The committee set the date of the January meeting for Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in Executive Conference Room B11 in the lower level of City Hall.

Englehart reviewed the 2007 Parks and Recreation Department fee schedule. He mentioned that the fee schedule failed to list the rental of the portable fence sections. Englehart recommended that a fee of \$3.00 per panel be added to the proposed fee schedule.

PR06-47 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Smith, to approve the 2007 Parks and Recreation Department fee schedule as presented with the addition of a \$3.00 per panel for rental of portable fence sections.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Englehart reviewed the proposed changes in the Buildings and Shelters Policy 6.320. The changes had all been discussed at the November meeting.

PR06-48 Motion by Baur, seconded by Wright, to approve the changes to Buildings and Shelters Policy 6.320 as presented.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

The staff reviewed the informational items listed on the agenda.

Marc-Oliver Wright commented that the Zoological Society is focusing on securing new members and getting renewal memberships for 2007.

Baur commented that the gym temperatures were too hot for volleyball leagues and would like staff to check into the thermostat settings for the Oak Avenue Community Center gym.

Englehart reviewed the communications he has received. Mr. Bill Urban has expressed concern regarding vehicle and pedestrian conflicts on park roads in Wildwood Park. Englehart has met with Mr. Urban and various city staff to gain information and to make a recommendation to the committee at their January meeting. Englehart distributed a letter from Graham Olson, representing the American Legion Youth Baseball program requesting that they be allowed to locate a storage shed at Jack Hackman Field to store their equipment. Englehart approved the request and will be drafting a letter of understanding to clarify the responsibilities of both parties. The shed has been located at the field. Englehart shared a concern he had received regarding smoking at the Zoo and in playground areas.

Buttke requested that the smoking issue be placed on the agenda for a future meeting for discussion.

PR06-49 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Wright, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director