

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
JULY 11, 2011

Present: Chairman Mike Fulca, Wade Middaugh, Gary Sieckman, Garry Nichols, Carrie Ward, and David Mars.

Absent: Nathan Reid and Vee Fasciotti.

Guests:

Chairman Mike Fulca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were in attendance: Chairman Mike Fulca, Wade Middaugh, Gary Sieckman, Garry Nichols, Carrie Ward, and David Mars.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for any amendments or additions to the agenda dated 07-11-2011. With no proposed changes, the agenda was approved as is.

Chairman Mike Fulca called for amendments or changes to the minutes dated 06-13-2011. Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to approve the minutes. Gary Sieckman made the motion, seconded by David Mars. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ashland Fall Festival

Wade Middaugh informed the Board that there are over thirty vendors for the Fall Festival thus far. The Board discussed the addition of events and it was decided that Wade would look into the possibility of a hot dog eating contest. After discussion about the addition of bands to the City Park the day of the festival Wade Middaugh proposed a Fall Festival Committee meeting to discuss it further. The meeting will be held on July 25, 2011 at 6 p.m. Carrie Ward presented to the Board that the Anita F. Sapp Memorial group spoke with her about donations to the City Park. Wade said the City is working with the group to dedicate a park bench and possibly the bridge to be installed in the City Park later this year. Wade stated he would talk with the group and get back to the Board with the progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ashland City Park Butterfly Garden

The Board discussed what Garry Nichols and the Ashland Garden Club has decided from their meeting last month. Garry told the Board that the club would be willing to have the bed sized down a bit to a circle. The Board discussed the pavers or stones to be added to the bed and as well as the removal of the timbers that are currently there. Wade said the City is planning

to remove the timbers soon and recommended that the issue be tabled to the September meeting to discuss options for the pavers or stones at that time. The Board agreed to table the issue to the September meeting.

B. Ashland Ridge City Park

Wade Middaugh presented the Board with the plan for Ashland Ridge City Park. He asked if the Board was ok with City staff looking into the parking lot scheduled for the park and possibly scaling it down. The Board discussed the issue and agreed that the parking lot could be scaled down. Wade said he would pass this along to City Staff.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Mike Fulca asked that the Board consider the number of Outdoor Movie Events and the attendance this year. He stated that turnout has been lower this year and maybe we are having too many events. After discussion the Board decided that they would revisit the issue on the September agenda. Wade Middaugh presented the Board with the movie choices on the ballot for voting on the August 13, 2011 movie. The Board decided the choices were suitable and Wade said he would prepare the ballots and advertise.
- B. Carrie Ward stated that the City Park has had vandalism lately along with numerous problems with teens with loud music, rude behavior, fowl language and drugs. Wade said the Police Department is aware of the issues and is patrolling the City Park on every shift. After discussion the Board decided to invite Police Chief Anthony Consiglio to the August meeting to share the issues and generate ideas to curb the situation.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Chairman Mike Fulca called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wade Middaugh made the motion, Gary Sieckman seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



A. Wade Middaugh
Utility Clerk/Park Board Secretary



Mike Fulca
Park Board Chairman