

SPECIAL MEETING
ROCK ISLAND
RECREATION - PARK BOARD
March 22, 2011
Park and Recreation Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation - RIFAC - Room #3

Members Present: Fred Dasso, Ann Austin, Dave Knuckey, Dave Conroy, Moses Robinson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Absent: All present

Staff Present: Bill Nelson - Executive Director

Audience: no audience

Approval of February 15, 2011 Minutes:

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve the Board Minutes for February as mailed. Mr. Knuckey seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Correspondence:

THANK YOU FROM RIDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA

The Board acknowledged the thank you from Ridgewood Elementary PTA.

THANK YOU FROM ROCKRIDGE BOOSTERS

The Board acknowledged the thank you from Rockridge Boosters.

THANK YOU FROM QUAD CITY PARROT HEAD CLUB

The Board acknowledged the thank you from Quad City Parrot Head Club.

THANK YOU FROM QC PAWS

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Finances:

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY

The Director stated that staff had done a good job of staying within budget, and that most funds were on track for a break even budget. The Monthly Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBURARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,392.18

Mrs. Austin made a motion to approve the bills for February in the amount of \$226,392.19. Mr. Conroy seconded the motion. All voted yes.

REQUEST FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve the request for the carry-over funds for total of \$819,900. This included expense for final payments for RIFAC and roof resurfacing. It also includes other smaller incidentals to be carried over for maintenance projects within the parks. Mr. Knuckey seconded the motion. All voted yes.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR GOLF SUPPLIES

Mrs. Austin made the motion to approve the low bid for the golf supplies for a total of \$1,855.85. Mr. Conroy seconded the motion. All voted yes.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve the purchase of equipment for a total of \$28,635.96. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDERS FOR RIFAC CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve change orders #9 and #10 for RIFAC construction. Mrs. Austin seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Director's Report:

DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION'S REPORTS

The Board reviewed and accepted the Director and Superintendent of Recreation's Reports.

Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center:

MONTHLY STATEMENT

The Board reviewed the Managers Monthly Statement and accepted it.

MANAGERS REPORT

The Board reviewed the Managers Report and accepted it.

Golf:

PLAY AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and accepted the Play and Financial Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed and accepted the Golf Manager's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board reviewed and accepted the Superintendent's Report.

Field Reports:

The Board reviewed and accepted the Field Reports from all individual areas.

New Business

REPORT ON RIVERFRONT EVENTS

The Director presented a report identifying why some of the events are going to other cities. In several cases, the other cities offer the facility for free, or provide hotel/motel tax money for them to use their facility. Staff is pleased with wedding rentals, but it is difficult to compete for larger events.

REQUEST BY RIVER ACTION TO CLOSE BOAT RAMPS FOR FLOATZILLA

Mrs. Austin made the motion to allow use of the North ramp, but to keep the east ramp open and safety lane for the rescue boats. Mr. Conroy seconded the motion. All voted yes.

REQUEST A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE FIRST AVENUE FOR JULY 21-24TH

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve the closure of 1st Ave. for July 21-24th. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE USE OF SPORTS AREAS BY ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. Conroy made the motion to approve the use of sports areas by the local sport associations. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Old Business:

UPDATE ON EVENTS AT SCHWIEBERT RIVERFRONT PARK

Train Festival - Staff had been concerned about the train to and from Chicago. BNSF has signed an agreement to allow an Amtrak Train without a steam locomotive. We began a letter writing campaign using our legislative contacts, but that was not viewed in a positive light by the railroad. We backed off so we could keep the trains on Thursday and Monday. The committee received word that CP has approved the train to Muscatine on Sunday which is in conjunction with the Celebration Bell. Iowa Interstate has agreed for the trips on Friday and Saturday using their Locomotives. Almost a third of all the trip tickets have been sold at this time.

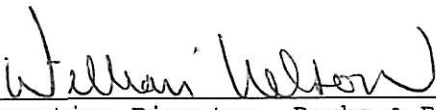
Viva Quad Cities - Choose to go to another site. Staff felt they offered a good package that would enable them to make some money, and offset our setup costs. They evidently felt that there was not enough money in it to do the event.

I - Wireless - Our staff has met with the I-Wireless staff at the facility on a couple of occasions. The difficulty is that a name band will require \$50,000 plus for coming, add expenses for staff and set up, lighting, security and other stuff, and the ticket price is \$45.00 to \$50.00 a ticket to break even. This is high for an outdoor event. Staff suggested we look for tribute bands and build a program around them.

July 3, 4 - Staff is currently working toward an afternoon program of inflatables for the kids, and music for families. There is some undercurrent of frustration about Red, White and Boom being expressed by some of the funders on the Rock Island side. There may be a program by the Q.C. Symphony, but it has been difficult to find anyone who wants to admit responsibility for organizing the overall event.

Weddings - Schwiebert does seem to be popular for these, and staff has a fair number of weddings scheduled for this summer.

Mrs. Austin made the motion to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Mr. Conroy seconded the motion. All voted yes.



Executive Director, Parks & Recreation