

SAINT CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING HELD
October 19th, 2011

The meeting was Called to Order by President Slattery at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room in Memorial Hall. Roll Call noted the following present for the meeting:

Park Board - TJ Slattery, John Walendy, Tom Probst, Laura Lyon, Tom Smith, Valerie Lanning, Don Morgan, Kathy Mudrovic and Linda Roche. Council Liaisons Kneemiller and Ohmes were absent.

Others - Maralee Britton - Director
Chris Atkinson - Assistant Director.
Matthew Seeds -
Rich Paupin - St. Charles Jr. Baseball/Softball Assn.
Jane Robinson -St. Charles Jr. Baseball/Softball Assn.
Tom Manning - St. Charles Jr. Baseball/Softball Assn.
Gary Whiteside - Member of Public
Tom Besselman - City Councilman

Verbal Petitions/Public Comments and Response:

A. St. Charles Junior Baseball/Softball Association.

Mr. Paupin, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Manning representing the St. Charles Jr. Baseball and Softball Association (SCJBSA) and Mr. Whiteside a concerned citizen all spoke against the implementation of fees for use of fields that is scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2012. All believed that the fees would deter some families and kids from being able to afford to take part in the program. They suggested that the Dept. undertake fundraisers to raise the fees rather than charge the field renters. They offered to undertake projects that would offset the need to collect the fees. Board Member Morgan commented that he was also against the fee policy.

President Slattery gave examples of why the fee policy needed to be implemented and gave examples of other local municipalities who already do so. St. Charles is currently the only department that does not charge fees for field rental for league play. Britton explained that field preparation was costing an estimated \$260,000 per year. These fees would help offset some of these costs and allow the ball field staff to improve field play. After a lengthy discussion Morgan made a motion to waive the Field Fee Policy and Fees for the St. Charles Junior Baseball/Softball Association. There was no second. Motion failed.

Staff Reports/Presentations: None

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

A) Contract with Vandalia Bus Lines for the San Antonio Cowboy Lore Recreational Trip in an amount not to exceed \$8,950.00*

See attached memo. Lanning moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Smith. Passed unanimously.

B) Contract with Yankee Bus Lines for the Classic New England Recreational Trip in an amount not to exceed \$11,825.20*

See attached memo. Smith moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Probst. Passed unanimously.

C) Contract with Rosch Company for the Jaycee Playground Project in an amount not to exceed \$17,675.00*

See attached memo. Atkinson explained the project. Smith moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Mudrovic. Passed unanimously.

D) Contract with H & G Sales for Webster Park in an amount not to exceed \$11,835.00*

See attached memo. Atkinson explained the project. Smith moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Morgan. Passed unanimously.

E) Change Order #1 with Kirchner Block & Brick for Jaycee Playground Project. Addition of \$4,000.00 to the total project amount. Original Contract will change from \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00*

See attached memo. Atkinson explained the project and that due to changes in design more block material is needed. Lanning moved to approve the Change Order. Seconded by Lyon. Passed unanimously.

F) Contract with Trinity Flatwork for Webster Park in an amount not to exceed \$27,398.00*

See attached memo. Atkinson explained the project. Morgan moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Smith. Passed unanimously.

G) Discussion of Droste Road Improvements.

This item was tabled until the Planning & Development Committee has a chance to review.

Meeting Minutes:

- A. Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2011** were reviewed. Smith moved that the Minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Morgan. Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda (Items to be received):

The Consent Agenda topic was then addressed, which included the following:

A. 110 Acre Public Meeting Minutes September 15, 2011

No items were requested to be removed for further discussion. Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Motion seconded by Mudrovic. Passed unanimously.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

President's Announcements and Reminders: Slattery informed the Board that he had requested volunteers from the Board to be part of the Joint Community Center Task Team with members of the City Council. Slattery, Lanning, Probst, Smith are the four members with Walendy serving as an alternate.

Director's Report: Britton highlighted two letters/emails that were received from members of the public. Both thanked employees for their hard work.

Board Member Announcements and Reminders: Slattery addressed the Board about attendance at Park Board meetings.

Council Liaison Announcements and Reminders: None

Park Board Liaisons' Comments:

Foundation Report: None

Cemetery Report: None.

Legislative Report: None.

As there was not any other business to discuss Mudrovic moved for **Adjournment** at 7:03 pm. Motion was seconded by Walendy. Passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. Slattery - President

Valerie Lanning-Secretary