

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

June 25, 2012

The Columbia City Parks Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board President Mark Ellis

Park Board Vice President Terry Baker

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Members Absent:

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

After reviewing the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Terry Baker, to accept the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent Mark Green introduced Rex Dellinger and Jamie from HWC Engineering to present the *Burnworth Pool Assessment Study* conducted for the City of Columbia City Parks Department for the Burnworth Pool. The detailed report was provided from HWC Engineering, Spear Corporation, and sub-consultants Lynch, Harrison & Brumleve. Jamie, HWC Engineering, provided a slide show and general overview of the Assessment Study. The purpose of the study was to observe conditions of the pool structure and related equipment, code violations, health and safety concerns, pool ADA access requirements, make recommendations, and outline cost estimates for needed improvements.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, reported the heater at the pool was not replaced, but it was repaired at a cost of around \$3,800.00 and it is working fine. Mark stated that so far this year, 420 pool passes have been sold and that only 430 passes were sold for the entire season last year. Green informed the Board that Burnworth Pool's first session of swim lessons is ending and the second session is sold out.

Superintendent Mark Green informed the board that the Blue River Trail and Bridge Bids are being held for a few weeks awaiting the report from the DNR. Mark states that at this time the bids are under budget and the program has the funding available.

Superintendent Green gave an update about Devol Field and stated that several compliments have been made on the completed work. The grass seed was drilled into the ground and watered once to help maintain the seed. Mark intends to build the dugouts this fall and install the fences in the spring.

Terry Baker Park Board Vice President state the Park had a good baseball season with only one major issue. Vice President Baker reported the Baseball Board established a person responsible for each level of play for tee ball, lop ball, minor, and major baseball. Baker stated when an issue cannot be resolved individually the Baseball Committee together will make a decision. Vice President Baker suggested next year having a form filled out by the parents of special needs students before playing ball. Mark Green stated he will contact the City Attorney for assistance about the issue.

Superintendant Green stated softball has gone well also. The Tin Caps game had great attendance. The baseball tournament, On Turf, at the park went really well and the concession stand was very busy. Mark Ellis Park Board President inquired if the Quad building could be opened as a concession stand and first aid station. Superintendant Green stated hot food cannot be sold but candy bars and pop could be with the addition of another staff member. Terry Baker Vice President requested the Park Board consider opening the Quad building for concessions and first aid next year, Terry believes that the concessions sold would pay for another staff member. Terry Baker stated it would alleviate the issue of improper use of the upstairs office in the Quad building and give the public the ability to call 911 if needed.

Mark Green Superintendant announced the 4th of July Fireworks may be cancelled due to the burn ban. If cancelled, the Fireworks will be rescheduled at a later date.

The next meeting will be July 30, 2012.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.