

COLUMBIA CITY PARKS BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 26, 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 Maury Bordner
Park Board Member Dennis Warnick
Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

In review of the previous meeting minutes, it was noted an error on the Wigent bid for Devol Field. It should state \$5,000.00 instead of \$500.00. On the motion of Warnick to **amend the minutes** to reflect this, and second by Nickolson, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board the audience at this meeting is in support of maintaining the **Burnworth Pool** because of the Columbia City Swim Team. Park Board Secretary Bordner explained to the audience this issue has been investigated for many months and they tried to determine the “term of life” for the pool. They now know they are losing \$10,000 per month per summer pool hours and a new liner is needed if the pool remains open at a cost of \$65,000. There are certain requirements now the Legislature passed that they have to adhere to, which is another cost factor. Someone from the audience feels that maybe a fundraiser could be ran and it was noted that if anyone wanted to organize a group to do that, they are more than welcome to do so. Superintendent Green stated that once the liner is pulled, they will know for sure whether a replacement can **happen or if the pool will have to be shut down**. More discussion took place between the Park Board and the audience. Park Board President Mark Ellis informed everyone that for the last six years at every park board meeting, they have talked about the pool’s ups and downs. It was realized then that the pool would never make the parks department any money to keep up with improvements.

Park Board President Ellis presented a **proposal** from **Spear for the pool investigation** in three phases. The first phase is at a cost for \$5,000.00 for the general scope of services. Dennis Warnick is concerned over the concept of this proposal not addressing the issues at hand. After some discussion, Warnick made a motion to table this proposal until Mark Green can make sure this company is checking what the Parks Department needs checked. Keith Nickolson made a **motion to table this proposal**, with a second from Secretary Bordner. On call of the vote, **all voted aye except** for Vice President Terry Baker, who voted nay.

Superintendent Mark Green stated that Phil Stanzcek could not be present to discuss the **pool rates**, and requests this issue **be tabled until the April meeting**. On the motion of Vice President Baker to table this issue until the next regular scheduled meeting, with a second from Nickolson, all voted aye.

Mark Green gave an update on the extension of the **Blue River Trail**. **The bid for the bridge and extension will be separate. The bid opening is scheduled for April 12th at 3:30 PM** and he needs a Board member present.

Mark informed the Board he has received **three proposals for the work at Devol Field** from Wigent, Moyer and Star. After explaining the differences between them, Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Nickolson, to **award the project to Wigent** because they followed the specifications of the bid and did not add or remove any aspects, and is in line with the cost. On call of the motion, all voted aye. The Board requested Mark to get a start date from Wigent.

Superintendent Green informed the Board the security cameras are up and running now in the park.

Superintendent Green informed the Board the owner of Goin Postal contacted him and requested to purchase the small park area at the corner of S. Line and North St. The Board discussed the possibility of selling the Mayor's Park.

Mark Green informed the Board he has asked Jeff Walker about moving the mulch pile from Morsches Park and he will give it consideration.

Secretary Bordner informed the Board he feels something needs to be done with the **pavilion at Morsches Park**, especially the bathrooms. He realizes this is in the flood plain, however, parks are located in flood plains. Dennis Warnick does not feel improving the pavilion in any way would be cost effective. If a new pavilion could be built somewhere else to eliminate flooding, Dennis would be in favor of that. Mark Green said the current pavilion is rented every weekend for an eight month period. After some discussion, it is the consensus of the Board to get an **inspection completed of the building** by a professional. Based on the assessment, the building may have to be demolished.

As all business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.