

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

May 20, 2014

Call to Order:

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Jason Doris, Angel Padilla, Morgan Henton, Connie Buss, John McLaughlin, Drew Holdren, and Brandy Shouse.

Public Comments: Bruce Fessel – Bicyclist commented regarding no bicycle trails implemented from the City of Olney Plan Summary from 8/7/2000.

Board Discussion:

- A. Establish Chairperson of the Board: Motion made by Jason Doris nominating Morgan Henton for Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Drew Holdren. Unanimous vote by Board.
- B. Long term Parks plan to update and bring to fruition the Olney, Illinois comprehensive Plan created in 2000.
- C. Parking at Musgrove Park: Possibly extend pool parking and provide another entry/exit to the existing parking lot. Second possibility would be to extend parking lot between the soccer fields and playground. At this time there is no “perfect” solution.
- D. Current Projects:
 - 1. Small football field off of Silver Street – this will be a practice field for Jr. Pro and the newly developing Flag Football League starting this fall. There will be no goal posts. The first dirt pile will be used for this field and will be completed this year.
 - 2. We Plan Park – Grants are in the process of being written. The parking between the playground and skate park will be extended and new bathrooms will be added during this expansion. Upon completion of this project it will be the only park within a two hour distance for handicapped children.
- E. Meeting dates and times: Parks and Recreation Board to meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.
- F. Open Discussion:
 - 1. John McLaughlin will provide a complete listing of all city properties that pertain to the Parks and Recreation Board.
 - 2. Board member ideas for local parks.
 - a. Large amount of dog feces located around Musgrove Park – providing disposal areas for the owners to help this concern.
 - b. Campground at Rotary Park.

- c. Fix Musgrove Park with a general plan and proceed with ideas that help our citizens.
- d. Do not forget about other facilities and the costs of repairs or changes. Has one of the parks ever been sold to another entity to help any repairs or changes?
- e. Parks and Recreation Board provide a place for citizens to express their ideas and have them possibly implemented into the new City Plan.
- f. Lot south of Millers Grove to be used as a possible dog park.
- g. Walking trails north of the city dam are available – would like to see advertisement to the residents of Olney.
- h. There is no winter recreation available in Olney. Residents of Olney have expressed interest in an ice skating rink possibly being built at the City Park where the old pool was located.
- i. Places at the current parks where community groups, i.e., BBBS can have safe and fun areas.
- j. Long term plan for an indoor sports complex.
- k. Have your parks look interesting and inviting with beautiful plantings. Also to provide stations along the walking paths for simple activities. Improve park tables and benches.
- l. Any projects needed around the parks – please notify John McLaughlin. The City Council has a list of volunteer groups willing to complete improvement projects.
- m. A Facebook page has been created for the Parks and Recreation Board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business presented for discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. following a motion by Morgan Henton and seconded by Jason Doris.

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