

**Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.**

Present: Doug Hayrynen, Ron Studer, John Slivon, Mary Pekkala, Bonnie Holland, John Diebel, with guests, Chris Salani, Meg Pachmayer, and Michele Bourdieu.

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Doug Hayrynen.

Chris Salani, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Finlandia University, updated the Commission on the revised timetable for construction on the Condon Field Project. Because the original timetable would have displaced both Hancock football and Finlandia soccer for up to three-quarters of their seasons, it was decided to delay work affecting the existing field until May of 2010. However, construction will begin on September 7, 2009 on utility relocation, selective demolition, preparation of the north practice field, and the abandonment of Anthony St. Construction will again begin on May 1, 2009 with completion of phase one expected in early September of 2010.

Chris also informed the commission of concerns by one of the adjacent property owners about the walking trail that will connect Condon Field to Roberts Street.

Updates

Parks

Doug Hayrynen, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the buildings at the Beach are currently being painted, timbers that divide the beach sand from the lawn have come loose and will be staked down to hold them in place, and the volleyball courts are in need of additional sand fill. The docks at Porvoo Park and by the Ramada Inn have been stained, stairways off of Water St will also be stained, along with benches and tables in various Parks. The bathrooms at Porvoo Park have been reopened and so far have had no incidents of vandalism. The Driving Park is having an exceptional season with many participants praising this year's condition of the fields.

Ski Trails

-John Diebel reported that the Ski Club will take delivery of a new four-wheeler in early August of this year. The ski club will contribute \$ 4,700.00 with the City of Hancock contributing \$ 4,000.00. This will be used for maintaining the trails during the off season months. John raised concerns about insurance on the four-wheeler. He was directed to consult with Glenn Anderson on this matter.

5 - Year Recreation Plan update for 2010 to 2014

It was decided to form a subcommittee to discuss the walking and biking portions of the Recreation Plan. There were five volunteers for the subcommittee: John Slivon, Bonnie Holland, Ron Studer, John Diebold, and Mary Pekkala. A tentative date for a meeting was set for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at City Hall.

WUPPDR proposal to assist in Recreation Plan update.

Meg Pachmayer, of WUPPDR, reported on the plans to update the City Recreation Plan for the fee of \$ 1,000.00. This would include a complete update of the Plan utilizing an on-line survey, workshops, and out reach sessions. Bonnie Holland made a motion to accept the WUPPDR proposal and was seconded by Mary Pekkala. The vote was 5 yes, 0 no.

Other Business.

Chris Salani asked if the City had a formal Mission Statement for the Parks and Recreation Department. He felt that there should be a unified vision for the future of the City that included the Business District, the Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, and the City Council. Doug Hayrynen recommended that Chris consider petitioning the City Council to become a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee

Adjourn.

John Slivon made the motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. seconded by Ron Studer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Hayrynen, Recreation Director