

ROCK HILL PARKS and RECREATION
MINUTES FROM MARCH 18 MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Reardon at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Reardon, Ballard, Kachulis, Alderman Scherry

Members Absent: Hill

Peggy Kachulis was introduced as the newest member of the Parks and Recreation Commission

The Commission was informed that the Board of Aldermen approved the budget for fiscal year 2010-11. The capital request items were cut from the budget, however an additional part time summer maintenance worker and funding for the Trailnet walking/biking master plan were approved.

The director provided a proposal from the owners of Clean Cut Creations/St. Louis Snow Cone for the Parks and Recreation Department to move movie night to May 22 from August 14. They would like to incorporate a car show with movie night. They also want to show "American Graffiti" as the movie. Concerns were raised about damage to Stroup Field if the grounds were wet and the content of the movie. After additional discussion, the Commission felt this was a good idea and it should be pursued, however concerns about the movie remained. A motion by Reardon was made to approve the proposal as long as details could be worked out and seconded by Ballard. The motion carried.

The Commission was reminded about two events that will be taking place soon. The first event is the "Easter Eggstravaganza" which will be held at Steger School on Saturday April 3 at 9:30. The second event is the Tree City USA program at Oakhaven School on April 10 beginning at noon. Allied Waste will also be at the Tree City event to discuss changes in the upcoming trash and recycling program. Cub Scout troop 316 will also be planting trees in our parks that weekend and will be attending the Tree City USA event.

The director asked the Commission members for suggestions for maintenance projects for this spring and summer. Among the items mentioned were: more attention to cleaning restrooms, and emptying trash cans and pet waste stations, more weeding of the gardens, painting the interior of the restrooms, tennis court wall and fences, cleaning and adding wood chips to the nature trail (possibly a scout community service project) replacing the fascia on the Stroup Field restroom building and preparing Whitfield Park for the proposed planting project. Alderman Scherry also asked for updates on improvements at Commission meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Reardon and seconded by Kachulis. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

