

ROCK HILL PARKS and RECREATION MINUTES  
FROM JANUARY 16, 2014 MEETING

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Members Present: Reardon, Christiansen, Ballard, Milligan, Kachulis

Members Absent: Scherry

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion to approve minutes by Christiansen, second by Kachulis. Motion carried.

Old Business:

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

The commission was informed that there were 12 entries this year, which was one more than last year. This year's winners were 9722 Graystone for Best Lighting Display and 1214 Gilbert for Best Combination Display.

BIKE RACKS

The bike racks we received from Trailnet have been installed. One each at Greenwood and Oakhaven parks and two at Stroup Field.

BUDGET

The commission was updated on the budget process. The director will be meeting with the Board of Aldermen on January 30. As in previous years the operating budget will probably not change much. Two capital requests have been made for repair to the Nature Trail bridges and installation of a water line at Whitfield Park.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH SANTA RECAP

The commission was informed that registration was down this year. We had 18 children attend and usually we get 25 or so. Publicity for the program was done as usual and registration forms were sent to the previous year's attendees. The one positive of a lower attendance was that Santa was able to spend more time with each child. Despite the lower attendance the commission felt that this was a good program and that maybe the lower attendance was just an aberration.

Commission member Kachulis was thanked for helping with the program.

New Business:

PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

The commission was informed that projects scheduled for this year include new woodchips for the playgrounds at Rock Hill and Oakhaven parks, additional plantings at Whitfield Park, patching at the Oakhaven tennis courts and painting the light poles at the tennis courts. The commission was asked to think about any projects they would like included and to also think about grant ideas for the next round of the Municipal Park Grant Program. It was also noted that this work will need to be scheduled around the public works street construction program which starts in late April or early May and goes throughout the summer into early fall.

## Director's Report

### UPDATE ON RIANSCAPE REBATE PROGRAM

The commission was informed that we have not given out many of the applications this round. We have had a few people say that the application is too long and the process is too cumbersome. Christiansen agreed with this and said that she felt there should be an easier application process. The deadline to submit an application is February 12.

### NEXT MONTH'S MEETING DATE

The commission was reminded that next month's meeting will be held a week earlier than usual. It will be held on February 13.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm