

Minutes of Manchester Recreation Commission

March 22, 2018 Meeting

The Manchester Recreation Commission met on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Recreation Complex. Members present were Leslie Brasfield, Chairman Prater Powell, Brent Parsley, and Leslie Trussler, Asst. Director AJ Fox, and Recreation Director Bonnie Gamble. Absent were Stan Rogers and Alderman Lana Sain.

Brent Parsley made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting and the motion was seconded by Leslie Brasfield. Vote was called and minutes were approved. Discussion took place about changing the date of the April Commission meeting since many would be absent on the second Thursday. Members decided to meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:00pm.

Director Gamble provided a programs report on activities. The outdoor movie cinema arrived and the department will be showing Moana movie in the indoor pool area. The department is offering a spring day break day camp. Opening day for baseball, softball, and soccer is April 7 with the parade taking place on the greenway.

Maintenance report discussed the completion of the Retention Pond at the Manchester Sports Complex with the Bruce Rayfield memorial. A gazebo and landscaping was done by the maintenance staff including a fountain. Light repairs were done at the tennis courts and athletic fields.

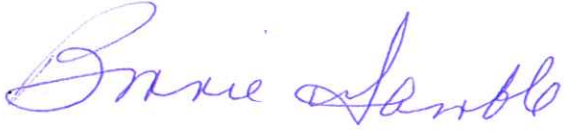
In Unfinished Business, Director Gamble said the Memorial Sign for Aaron Miller was done and would be revealed during the opening day ceremonies of baseball. It will go on the American League Pressbox. Director Gamble discussed the Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant application of the renovation of the Fred Deadman Playground, Lighting the soccer fields and providing a restroom building. The Board of Mayor and Alderman had approved the application and the amount of total project \$672,000 and requesting LPRF funds of \$336,000. The bids had come in for the Cardio Equipment lease for the Recreation Complex with just two bids. The only bid that was complete was Allstate Capital who had the previous lease contract. Leslie Trussler made the motion that we accept the bid of Allstate Capital for \$2, 780.00 per month for 36 months. Brent Parsley seconded the motion. Chair Prater Powell called for the vote and it passed unanimously.

Bonnie Gamble asked the commission to accept the Long Range Plan for the department 2018-2028 that she distributed to them the previous month. Prater Powell said he thought it was well written and thought out and wanted to make sure that every month the Commission evaluated a section of the plan on progress. The members expressed their priority of land acquisition to the property behind the Recreation Complex and wanted to see some progress on this. They also thought that the department should concentrate on any land acquisition that would expand current park properties and not look at this time in expansion in other parts of town. Leslie Trussler said she would like to see the possibility of the wellness room open 24 hours a day. Director Gamble said she would see but that the Complex was such a big building that it would have to have two people to control access. Brent Parsley made the motion to accept the long range plan and Leslie Brasfield seconded. Vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Prater Powell then made a motion to accept the proposed design for the renovation of the Fred Deadman Playground submitted by Gametime/PlayCore. Brent Parsley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00PM at the Recreation Commission.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Gamble". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gamble".

Bonnie Gamble