

**Parks and Recreation Board  
General Meeting  
July 27, 2011  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE **General Meeting** OF THE **Parks and Recreation Board** held on **July 27, 2011** in the **Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center, Flagstone Room** located at **824 E. Gurley St.**, Prescott, Arizona.

**1. Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2011**

**Members Present:** Bob Bockrath, Janelle Riedl, Ali Schroeder, Rowle Simmons

**Members not Present:** Michael King

**Others Present:** Joe Baynes, Tim Legler, Eric Smith, Rick Hormann, Michelle Stacy, Kelly Tolbert, Bob Spencer

Motion made by Ali Schroeder to accept the minutes from April 20, 2011 as written. Motion was seconded by Janelle Riedl. Motion passed unanimously- all approved.

- 2. Skate Park Vandalism Update** – Tim Legler informed the Board that the silent witness advertising on flyers and television are working. Vandalism has decreased in the past few months. Improvements will be made to the restrooms at the skate park, to include graffiti resistant paint and reinforced walls that separate the stalls. Surveillance has increased by the police department and communication with the users has improved. Tim also reported that vandalism across the board at all City parks have shown a decline.

**Signage presentation**– Kelly Tolbert, an Intern with the Parks and recreation Department, has done some research on Park and directional signage. She identified that some signage is very hard to identify, some of the information is incorrect and there are various different signs. It was suggested that the Department go to a universal sign template, with the same color scheme and verbiage, incorporating the various amenities that each facility has. Joe Baynes informed the Board that the Department will be working with other City departments on this project and any request for signage will need to go through the Community Development department. Joe will have more information on cost and a possible master plan and we will discuss further at the next Board meeting as to which direction the Board would like the department to go with.

- 3. Pocket park- Tom Pettit**- Eric Smith presented a proposal on behalf of citizens who would like a small park named after Prescott resident Tom Pettit. Mr. Pettit was an avid park enthusiast and trail advocate who passed away. The designated area for this park would be on the corner of Sheldon and Montezuma streets, past the city parking lot, near the proposed Community Garden, and down below the tressel. The area already has benches and it would be possible to put an information kiosk with trail maps. Rowle Simmons made a motion to endorse the proposed park and send a formal request to Council. The motion was seconded by Ali Schroeder. The motion was passed unanimously in favor.

5. **Acker Dog Park-** Joe Baynes has been approached by Charlene Craig and the Friends of Acker Park group to incorporate a dog park into the existing Acker park. The Friends of Acker park are willing to make a matching fund donation to have it built. The site would only be about ¼ of an acre and vegetation would remain but be cut back. This dog park will be welcomed by existing park users as well as downtown dog owners who would not have to make the trip across town to use the dog park on Willow Creek. Cost would be about \$10,000. Rowle, Bob and Ali are in favor of the proposal.
6. **Kuebler Update-** Joe Baynes informed the Board the project is still in the works but it is still on the working table. The parking lot has had to be redesigned to reduce cost. It will now be relocated across from the County pit area and will have additional handicap parking spaces. The existing dirt parking area will be configured to incorporate usage for a playground. It will be a decrease in funding from \$426,000 to \$160,00 and has Council support. There are also talks going on about what percentage of water the County will pay for, as they stated that they would only pay for water used at the existing field. It is possible that they will pay at a cap of 7 million gallons per year. The management agreement will also need to be revisited. Joe hopes to have an answer by August so that the revised plan can go to Council.

## 7. Division Reports

- a. **Sports** – Rick Hormann reported that City adult leagues have increased since 2010. Softball had 150 teams and will be wrapping up in August. Rentals at Grace Sparkes Activity Center have been down this year due to increase in rental costs. He is working with Facilities Maintenance to identify all electrical fuses for the building and identifying any repair issues. Tournament season is winding down. The first week in August we will host a 16U and 18U Girls B Fast-pitch National tournament with an anticipated 45 teams entering. Rick informed the Board that the Beat the Heat Girls Invitational tournament brought in 43 teams and A reported 1.5 million dollar economic impact. Rowle questioned the formula used for determining economic impact and Rick stated that he would bring the worksheet to the next meeting.

The Prescott Athletic Board is going well. Rick has discussed at the meeting the importance of league presidents informing the coaches and/or parents about field abuse, keeping lights on and dogs on the playing fields. The user groups have signed a field policy agreement that will result in fines if user groups do not abide. It is designed to give a warning and then fines after each additional violation.

- b. **Parks & Lakes** – Tim Legler informed the lights have become an important issue. Lights at Pioneer have been changed recently thanks to a donation of a truck from APS. Light poles at Granite Creek Park are being moved. Light poles at Peppertree Park have been upgraded with LED

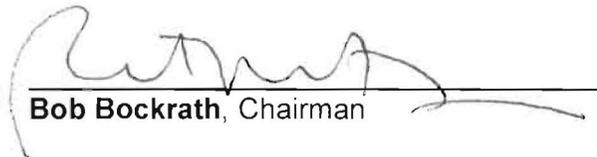
lights and the Department is looking into replacing all existing lights with LED's to save on money and power.

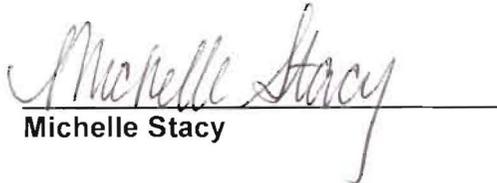
Tim also stated the Parks and lakes Divisions did well on the revised budget for Fiscal year 2011 and is maintaining on the current FY 12 budget. Janelle asked about the outcome of the improved landscaping technique proposed at a previous meeting and Tim explained that the idea was cancelled because positive results had not been proven.

- c. **Special Projects and Files-** Eric Smith reported that he completed the fiscal results and outcomes report. The report was broken down by division and shows that the Department as a whole is still doing more with less and it breaks down how each division ended up in accordance with their budget at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion made by Rowle Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 3:20pm. Motion was seconded by Janelle Riedl. All in favor- Motion passed unanimously in favor.

**8. Next Meeting – October 12, 2011**

  
**Bob Bockrath**, Chairman

  
**Michelle Stacy**