

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for 10-13-05

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Luke Papamichael at 6:40 PM.

Members present: Sandra Ellis; Julie Hazell-Felch, School Brd. Rep.; Bob Gonser, Sec't'y., Greg Bemis, BOS Rep.

Others present: Michelle Gordon, Rec. Dir.; Kelly Lehman, Assistant Rec. Dir., Angel Miller & Chris Gillen (Raymond Youth Basketball representatives).

Kelly talked about the "American Disabilities Act" to make recreation areas accessible to everyone. Areas discussed:

1. Increase field accessibility
2. ADA compliant benches
3. ADA compliant portable toilets
4. Parking for handicapped at the fields
5. Wheelchair parking area near bleachers
6. Using playground mulch around equipment
7. Accessible picnic tables (should have 50%, but no less than 2, under 27" high)
8. Making the beach accessible
9. Signage to indicate handicapped accessible areas
10. High/Low drinking fountains

Members present discussed ways to get the above 10 items of coverage accomplished. Suggestions of grant monies, donations, etc. RAB member to bring ideas / comments to the next RAB meeting.

Bob discussed the Riverside Park and Riverside Bark:

All of the horseshoe pits are in the ground and there are 3 courts completely ready to use. Bob left a set of horseshoes at the pits for people to use. Ahab mentioned that the Rotary was looking at having a horseshoe tournament; no other information was available.

The Riverside Bark is cleared, they are just waiting to have the area cleaned up and leveled. Hank's bench and arbor are installed at the horseshoe center.

Discussed the Hallowe'en Party; Ahab and Kelly are looking for volunteers to help be judges, etc.

Ahab gave Recreation Director's Report. There has been an average of 20+ participants at the Boys and Girls Club functions. The next "On the Common" article submissions are due NOW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next meeting – 11-08-05.

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Bob Gonser

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