

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULY, 2013

ADMINISTRATION

It is required that the park district conduct a hearing and adopt the annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. The notice has been published, and as required, has been available and posted at the park office for public viewing, prior to the July 18th public hearing.

The park district is pursuing enrollment in PDRMA, Park District Risk Management Agency, as an affordable alternative to conventional liability and workers comp coverage.

I would like to delay entering or adopting any changes in the drug testing policy, pending the potential change in insurance coverage.

We have experienced a problem early in the year where a for-profit day care facility loaded Union Creek Park playground with 100+ kids, overwhelming the location. I have notified the day care facility that this usage is unacceptable, and we would ask that usage be appropriately scheduled through the park district office. If acceptable to the Board, signage, included with Board packet information, will be located at various popular park sites.

Rob Bush, attorney for the law firm of Ancel, Glink, Diamond & Bush, is reviewing the district's IPARKS liability insurance policy to ensure the proposed transition does not create any coverage concerns.

It is amazing, but the completed OSLAD grant application for Community Park redevelopment has been submitted to the IDNR for consideration in the current grant cycle. The townhome association that borders Community Park, Courthomes of Frankfort, was provided a copy of the application for review and comment.

No updates on the Gold Medal. It is a different process waiting for the outcome, rather than busily preparing our video. All reservations have been completed for Team Houston, those who will be attending the NRPA Congress in October. Packets, including flight, travel, and lodging will be provided.

I am very pleased with the golf course operation and organization. Many positive comments and good numbers are apparent on any given day when it is not raining.

I am equally pleased with the good food served at A La Cart. A simpler menu and strong staff have dramatically improved the quality of our product. The new ice cream machine has been a welcome addition to our operation.

I am pursuing a limited selection of tap beer. Any change in product will be presented to the Board prior to implementation.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance crews have struggled with mowing due to an exceptionally wet season. Normally, July mowing slows with warmer temperatures, allowing for project completion. That is not the case this year.

The office and Boardroom #1 renovation will begin the week of July 22nd. Walls will be added, creating two new offices and a copier room in Board Room #1. The computer lab, currently located in Board Room #1, will be moved to the Orchard preschool room. A divider will be constructed in the front office, dividing the area in half to create a better work environment.

The bridge will be moved from Graystone Golf Course to Square Links, where it will be housed until permanent placement next year.

RECREATION

The summer concert series continues to be a popular venue, with good weather and crowds enjoying scheduled events.

I encourage Board Members to review staff and safety minutes that offer an expanded department overview for all areas of operation.

Please note; if all Board Members are present during the July meeting, we will be taking a group photo to update our website and lobby displays.

Respectfully submitted:
Jim Randall