

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting January 19th, 2023

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chairman Don Templeton at 4:00 PM in the Training Room of City Hall.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Rachel Arbach, Jeff Hanig, Buddy Seiner, Kristi Potter, and Leah DeMers. Also present were: YMCA CEO Aaron Fabel, Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Bryan Tipton, Parks Crew Leader Kaden Hight, and Parks Superintendent Jay Jensen. Excused was: Commissioner Todd Johnson

Seiner moved, second by Potter to approve the minutes of the November 17th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. The December meeting was canceled due to the blizzard.

Hanig moved, second by Seiner to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Jay Jensen was introduced as new Parks Superintendent for the City of Pierre. Board introduced themselves as well.

Old Business

Pickleball - Tipton reported that on Tuesday, January 17th the city put the courts out for re-bid at the commission meeting. Bids will be opened on February 2nd, 2023. Seiner reported Pickleball Association continuing to fundraise for project with an upcoming Pickleball tournament partnering with Ft. Pierre Chamber of Commerce and utilizing the Expo Center to host. Discussion of options for available portable nets.

Dog Park – Jensen reported that the basics are complete. Signs are completed and up, just waiting on brackets for the gates to be installed to function properly. Once complete, dog park will be ready to use. Suggesting a Spring ribbon cutting to accommodate weather.

Officer Election - Discussion was had about volunteers and nominations for open officer positions.

- For Chair Position - Demers motioned a nomination for Templeton with second by Potter. Motion carried. Arbach motioned a nomination for Seiner with second by Hanig. Motion carried. A vote was conducted with Seiner winning with a 3 vote Seiner to 2 vote Templeton. Seiner was elected Chairman.
- For Vice Chair Position - Potter motioned a nomination for DeMers with a second by Templeton. Motion carried. DeMers was elected Vice Chair with no opposing party.
- For Secretary Position - Hanig motioned a nomination for Arbach as secretary with a second by Potter. Motion carried. Arbach was elected Secretary position with no opposing party.

Bench - Harold Fenhaus - Black Hills Fly Fishers - Seiner reported wanting more information on how to move forward with memorial benches. Current policy allows a donation for part of the

memorial bench from proposing party with City of Pierre covering the rest. It was suggested to update policy requiring the proposing party to supply the entire cost of the bench.

Seiner requested bench style and manufacturer to look into finding a quicker way to get benches with the supply chain issue, but while keeping consistent with current style and materials. Discussion was had about different options to order benches through City or the party ordering it themselves. Discussion was had about plaques on benches, who is responsible, and how to obtain it for the city. M&R signs as well as All-Around Graphix was mentioned.

Potter suggested buying extra benches to have on hand to avoid future delays. Tipton explained that funds and storage space may not be adequate to do such.

Siener reported that the Black Hills Fly fishing group will be funding the bench with the requested location to be on the west side of the mouth of Capital Creek in Griffin Park facing the river. Motion by Potter, second by DeMers. Motion carried.

New Business

YMCA/Rec Dept—

Cheap reported Aquatic Center locker rooms have been painted and new LED lights have been installed. New carpet will be installed. New benches to be installed next week, and shower fixtures ordered and to be installed with priority.

Cheap reported resurfacing for pool bid went out Tuesday with bid opening on February 2nd. Estimated completion date mid March or early April. Discussion was had about swim meet the first weekend of March and working around that.

Cheap addressed Senior Citizen Programs to resume when shoulder is completely healed.

Fabel reported the YMCA pool will be drained January 29th to fix pool deck with resurfacing of pool to work around aquatic center resurfacing dates.

Seiner discussed his gratitude for Fabel and partners for providing gym time to Pickleball Association allowing them a chance to play inside during winter months.

Dialogue

Hanig addressed concessions/bathrooms on small softball field side of complex and updates on the plan to possibly replace structure. Space for umpires and larger bathrooms, possibly creating a storm shelter for the area was suggested. Discussion of moving it into future proposed projects and looking into FEMA grant funding.

Parks and Recreation Current and Future Projects Plan -

Tipton provided a current 3-year-plan for years 2022-2024. Discussion of completed 2022 projects and ongoing projects for 2023 was had. With time being limited, discussion was cut

short. Future 2024 proposed project planning was suggested. Seiner indicated that more time was needed to discuss topics. Long-range planning may require a separate meeting if enough time during the regular monthly meeting was not available. Tipton reported that February's meeting was open for such discussion and was tabled for next meeting.

Motion by Hanig second by Seiner to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is on February 16th at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Arbach, Secretary