

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting July 21th, 2022

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 3:30 PM in the Training Room of City hall.

Members attending were: John Simpson, Buddy Seiner, Don Templeton, Rachel Arbach, and Jeff Hanig. Also present were: Commissioner Todd Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Bryan Tipton, Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman, and Parks Crew Leader Kaden Hight. Special guests – Phil Sheffield, Larry Coyle, and Diane Smith with Capitol Area Pickle ball association

Templeton moved, second by Seiner to approve the minutes of the June 16th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Seiner moved, second by Arbach to approve the agenda.

Old Business

Pickleball-

Phil Sheffield, Larry Coyle, and Diane Smith with Capitol Area Pickle ball association reported the financial goals and fundraising efforts made. Between the City and the Association approximately, \$210,000 had been raised. Tipton was asked to follow up with Brosz on the completion of the bid documents. Discussion on completion was estimated for the spring of 2023. Commissioner Johnson thanked the guests for their hard work raising money for the courts.

Dog Park –

Lieberman reported that the fence has been put on hold due to an unexpected cost of \$64,659 to install the fence. Earlier a local company had indicated the installation would be donated. Additional quotes are being requested.

Mary House replacement shelter –

Due to close proximity, a plan is in place to update the band structure and not go forward with a new Mary house structure. Funds would be used in the park for adding a sidewalk, stone columns, and concrete replacement.

Corn hole –

Tipton read an email from Andy Paige stating he has made seven contacts and has two commitments for donations to purchase boards.

New Softball field lights – Tipton reported quotes from Musco lighting estimated the replacement of the softball field lights and poles at \$545,000 - \$660,000. The lights only cost is

estimated at \$355,000. Tipton stated Griffin park ball field light and pole replacement is \$124,000 and was requested in the 2023 budget. The Softball field light would be moved to 2024.

Harrison Field – Lieberman reported that quotes are being received and progress is being made to complete the project. Simpson asked about a completion date and Lieberman responded that it was unknown at this time.

New Business

- **Structure inspection** – Lieberman reported on a schedule of repairs to all of our park's structures - An inspection was completed of all the bathroom facilities to update and complete required maintenance.
- **Mateer park** – Templeton requested this park be put on the agenda. Hight reported that updates and repairs were made to the fountain.
- **Hawthorn trees** – Templeton requested the trees be used in the future
- **Downs marina area** – Templeton inquired about stairs down to the beach due to the steep incline. Tipton reported any upgrades would require ADA compliance. A short discussion was had in regards to controlling the weeds and improving the area.
- **Steamboat park** – Seiner made a motion, Arbach second to redesign the proposed replacement park but the item was added to talk about the land conversation. It was decided to put the development of the new park until the construction of the new water plant surrounds is completed.
- **Life Jacket station** – Tipton stated Kaylee Tostenson presented the idea of a life jacket loaner station to be built near the swim beach. Partnerships with GFP and Fire rescue would also be part of the project. Donations and fundraising would be used to help build the program.

YMCA/Rec Dept—

Cheap reported about the water save at Farm Island as a result of Safety town training a young girl received.

Dialogue

Motion by Seiner, second by Templeton to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm. Motion carried. The next meeting is on August 18th at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted, -Bryan Tipton, Director