

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting September 30, 2021

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 3:41 PM in the Training room of City hall. Social distancing was observed by members spreading out in the meeting room.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Jeff Hanig, and Greg Dean. Also present was Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap and Director Tom Farnsworth. There was one guest, Tarrah Sonnenschein.

Templeton moved, second by Hanig to approve the minutes of the August 15th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Dean moved, second by Hanig to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

Simpson welcomed Tarrah Sonnenschein to give an update on the proposed dog park project. Tarrah reported they had \$6,200 in funds and were having a fund raising event October 30 which the board was given a flyer explaining the event. The YMCA is assisting with the run/walk event. Tarrah said she was following up on a lead about chain link fence owned by John Weber, it was left when Dakota Pipeline left the area. The board encouraged her to see what he wanted for the fence as it should be new, at least 6ft. tall and easy to take down and reuse. Tarrah explained a local vendor quote for fence 200 ft. x 200 ft. was around \$14,850 so she is looking for other options. Simpson encouraged Tarrah to speak to the local service clubs for grants or sponsorships and keep the board informed.

Fish Cleaning Station –

Farnsworth had sent a draft of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with SDGFP to the board for this project. The City Administrator and staff had reviewed the JPA and felt there was not enough funds from GFP for the project. A cost estimate had been requested from SDGFP. Hanig reported he is working with others to help define the project, and asked what type of building the City would prefer if the project moves forward. All agreed a concrete facility would be best vs stick built. Hanig said he will continue to help the committee with design and cost estimate that can be brought back to the board and city officials for consideration. Farnsworth reported the project was not budgeted for 2022 so to be considered more information is needed for City officials.

Pickle Ball Courts–

Farnsworth reported he and the engineering department had been advising Seiner who is helping with the project on the process they need to proceed with to get the project started. The pickle ball group is getting a consulting firm to do design, specifications, cost estimate and help with construction administration. Farnsworth stated the City would review the documents once completed by the consulting firm and put the project out for bids and pay the vendors. The pickle ball group would then reimburse the City. At the current time there is not going to be a basketball court in the project. With the construction season already into October it is best the project be put out for bids this winter to prepare for spring construction.

Outdoor Pool –

Farnsworth reported the dirt work continues at the project site and staff are working with Burbach aquatics to finish the facility design with anticipation of going out for bids in November. Staff are concerned about the availability of supplies and materials in today's environment. This could drive costs up but the plan is to still go out for bids to see what comes in. There are several contractors interested.

Emerald Ash Borer response plan –

The board was given the response plan to review at the August meeting. Those present did not have any edits or suggestions on the document. The Arbor Board has oversight to this plan.

2022 Division budget –

Farnsworth reported that all Parks and Recreation budget requests had been honored by the Commission. The City budget has been passed. The board heard a quick report on the budgeted items for 2022.

New Business**Request for Memorial Bench –**

A request for a memorial bench and plaque from the family of Jim Protexter on behalf of his late father in law Albert Ebach was presented to the board. Protexter will donate \$250 towards the bench and one is available on island view drive located just across the street from where Albert lived. Motion by Templeton, second by Dean to approve the request. Motion carried.

YMCA/Rec Dept—

Mindy reported that kickball season was wrapping up for the fall and it was a good season. A flyer was given to the board on the October 24 Underwater pumpkin patch held at the aquatic center. This has been a popular event with the kids. Mindy will be starting senior citizen exercise classes and Tie Chi classes this fall.

Dialogue

There was no dialogue by those present.

Motion by Hanig, second by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Next meeting is October 28th at City hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Farnsworth, Director