

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting
October 28th, 2021**

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 3:36 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, Rachel Arbach, Buddy Seiner and Greg Dean. Also present was Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Tom Farnsworth, Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman, Parks Crew Leader Toby Stertz and one guest, Jim Goodman.

Simpson asked the board, staff and guests to introduce themselves and Tanya greeted the board as this was her first meeting with them.

Dean moved, second by Seiner to approve the minutes of the September 30th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Dean moved, second by Hanig to approve the agenda as presented with the exception they will hear Jim Goodman request first. Motion carried.

Jim Goodman, coach and legion baseball board member, approached the board with a request for a new flagpole at Hyde Stadium. The current flag pole is too short and was a former city light pole. Goodman stated he will raise the funds to purchase the flag pole and reimburse the City if they would purchase it and install it. Goodman stated the cost of a 30ft. flag pole like at Dan Kelley field is around \$2,500 and he has raised \$2,100 for the project. Goodman stated he would recommend relocating the flag pole by the scoreboard for easy access and it can be lighted from this location. Stertz was consulted on the install process, etc. The install would be completed prior to the start of the Legion 2022 season. Motion by Templeton, second by Dean to approve the request. Motion carried. Parks staff will place the order for the flag pole and plan a spring install time. Goodman will reimburse the City for the material costs. Simpson thanked Goodman for this nice donation and project to make improvements at Hyde Stadium.

Old Business

Skate Park -

Equipment is to arrive November 1 with install to take about a week or so. Discussion was held on a potential open house this fall. It will depend on the install time and pending weather. It may have to be a spring dedication.

Dog Park –

Staff reported they have been contacted by owners of chain link fence left after the Dakota pipeline withdrew from the state. This is new fence, 9 gauge, 6ft. tall and about 4,094 linear feet. It has been taken down and stored with the line posts. The owner would like \$9/linear ft. Cost of new is \$14/linear ft. This fence could be used at the dog park if a deal was struck with the dog park committee. Templeton felt this would be a good deal, both for the City and the dog park committee who is charged with raising funds for the project. The board consensus was to have Farnsworth visit with the Administrator and Commissioner for more direction and report back to the board.

Fish Cleaning Station –

Hanig was absent so no report.

Pickle Ball Courts–

Farnsworth reported that an MOU with CAPA and the City is prepared to go to the full Commission for consideration. The City has reviewed engineer proposals and has a preferred firm in mind. This info will be scheduled at a future Commission meeting. Seiner reported fund raising was going strong with a recent \$5000 donation from Avera and \$10,000 donation from the community foundation. This project is now scheduled for construction in 2022.

Softball Shelter –

Staff reported this project is now complete. It was part of the OSA, BID board and City partnerships for improvements at the softball fields. The City will now collect the BID board grant that was to be awarded on completion of all projects.

New Business**Request for Park Assistance –**

Farnsworth spoke to the board about the number of calls/requests for park staff assistance on other City department projects. We are trying to prioritize them and will do our best but we must finish our own projects first. The board was supportive.

YMCA/Rec Dept–

Aaron was absent so no report from the YMCA. Mindy reported kickball concluded with a good fall season, seasoned citizen programs have started and she is currently planning for the October 24 underwater pumpkin patch at the aquatic center.

Dialogue

There was no dialogue by those present.

Motion by Seiner, second by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting is November 18th at City hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Farnsworth, Director