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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:15pm

City Hall Training Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

Members Present: Susan Reese (chair), Jim Nordgren, Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Dennis Zielski, Patricia LaRue, and Hal Watson (council rep).

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager*; Amy M. Peterson – *Assistant Community Development Director*; Tom Schwalen - *Maintenance Supervisor*; and Terry Kusilek - *Public Works Operations Supervisor*.

Others Present: Local citizen Ben Fochs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Nordgren to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There is a site called Nextdoor River Falls, which is a social networking service for neighborhoods. It allows neighbors to chat about events, concerns within the City of River Falls. One participant was pleased to get dog waste bags in their neighborhood park in order to keep it clean. The city installed the dispensers and the neighbors will keep the bags stocked. Two were also recently installed at White Tail Ridge by the city, and that area will also get benches, garbage cans, and a bike rack, which was part of the funding for upgrades there. A Blue Bike rack has been requested by businesses in the White Tail Ridge area. People seem to be enjoying the Blue Bike program, using the blue bikes and returning to stations.

River Falls earned the Playful City designation again for the 4th year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving Request For Border Battle Mountain Bike Event/City Assistance
2. Resolution Approving request for Icebox 480 Race/City Assistance
3. Resolution Approving Request for Minnesota High School Cycling League/Event/City Assistance

MSC Gaulke/Nordgren that Resolutions # 1, # 2, and #3 be approved as proposed. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Review and approval of Glen Park Municipal Swimming Pool Handbook

MSC Zielski/LaRue to put up a “No Firearms or Weapons” sign at the pool entry. Motion passed 7-0.

MSC Watson/Nordgren to approve the Glen Park Pool handbook with corrections as discussed. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Amy Peterson gave an update of the Master Plan which was presented at a City Council Workshop on 5/24/16. She basically heard an overall consensus about doing Glen Park first/Hoffman Park second, about construction taking one year (versus multiple year construction), and to fund the whole thing as proposed. There seemed to be a firm commitment to moving forward. Park Board still has strong concerns about aesthetics of a storm shelter at Glen Park, and how it will work as a rentable shelter building. We should know by fall if we will receive the safe room grant.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Nordgren/Dobbartin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant