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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 21, 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, Brenda Gaulke, Dennis Zielski, and Patricia LaRue.

Members Absent: Brandon Dobbertin, and Hal Watson (council rep).

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager*; Amy M. Peterson – *Assistant Community Development Director*.

Others Present: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Zielski to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A letter to the editor regarding the Kinnickinnic Pathway was shared.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Municipal Code of Ordinances on Park and Recreation areas was reviewed. Park Board recommends changing section O to read, “No horses without proper authorization.” Park Board would like the police department to review section P regarding weapons, and make a recommendation. In section G, the first sentence (regarding adults playing organized hardball) shall be removed. Cindi will see what other cities say about inflatables.

Blue Bikes rules were discussed and questioned under what jurisdiction it would fall. The bikes are being used and enjoyed, but they are also being left all over town, and even in other towns. They were not very high quality to begin with, so there are some mechanical difficulties. There has been discussion about local businesses donating new bikes and having their name on the bike plaque. The Board looks forward to the Blue Bike Committee presenting their recommendations.

Park Board will think about possibly adding drone rules to the Park rules. Cindi will see what other cities do.

Zielski showed a historical booklet regarding Foster Cemetery. Amy Peterson showed boundaries on a map. Foster Cemetery is in the Park. The City owns it. Prairie Enthusiasts help maintain it. Managing Foster Cemetery is in the 2017 work plan. This may include improved access, signage, clean up, and adding steps. Tony and the Historic Preservation Committee will be looking into it. Park Board would like to meet with the Prairie Enthusiasts in the spring regarding Foster Cemetery.

Fall recreation survey questions were reviewed. The survey will go out to the public beginning of October.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Reese/Gaulke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant

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