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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room

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

Members Present: Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Patricia LaRue (5:25pm) and Dennis Zielski

Members Absent: Brenda Gaulke and Jim Nordgren

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Sam Wessel-*Planner/GIS*; Amy Peterson-*Development Services Director*

Others Present: Jayne Hoffman, Heidi Heinze, and Mark Anderson-*Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)*; Kristen Csiacsek-Sterling Ponds resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Dobbertin/Zielski to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kristen Csiacsek presented her request for residents of Sterling Ponds to fundraise and make a removable 15' octagonal GaGa Ball Pit at Sterling Ponds. GaGa is a kinder variation of dodge ball. The sides of the pit are about 3' tall. If grass becomes overgrown in it, the residents of Sterling Ponds will use a week whacker; typically, it becomes a dirt bottom from much use. The brackets cost about \$300 total, and the wood will be donated. The Csiacsek's will store it in their garage over the winter.

Dobbertin/Zielski that Park Board endorses a temporary gaga pit at Sterling Ponds, pending Cindi's approval of the exact location. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) presented some historic photos that could possibly be used for the 4' x 7' panels on the outside of the new pavilion at Glen Park. They also recommended the panoramic of the Kinni for the interior of the pavilion.

The City was one of three finalists, but did not receive the \$10,000 grant for the River Falls Community Foundation's "Big Idea" Grant to help with the dog park. The City Dog Park is moving forward, even without the grant. In the next couple of weeks, the City will receive bids for fencing. An agility course may be added later, and could possibly be done as a donation.

Park Board should start thinking about adding a Hoffman Park storm shelter rental policy and price, because Glen Park will be closed next year, and the new pavilion at Glen Park will also need to have a price set. Some cities have hourly prices. Looking at nearby towns, it appears that our prices could go up. Anyone renting the storm shelter needs to understand that they need to allow the public to enter if there is a weather emergency. Park Board will visit fees again in the fall. Park Board would like to visit the Hoffman Park shelters this summer, including the storm shelter, to discuss fees and policies.

KORC and City staff plans to make the water station at Whitetail Ridge trailhead a reality sometime this summer.

City staff and Andrew Reese are meeting to discuss the feasibility of adding a Disc Golf Course on the Sterling Ponds park hillside.

The City bought and installed four benches along the new Kinnic River Trail. The Garden Club bought one bench for the new trail. A bench will also be donated by the Lions Club for the ballpark. The Rotary may donate a solar bench for the future pollinator garden at the south end of the White Pathway.

Nancy Miller of the River Falls Public Library has not heard back yet about a grant for storyboards. She will pass this project concept along to Monica LaVold, as she retires next week.

The next Park Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 5:15PM

ADJOURNMENT MSC Reese/Downing to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant