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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Melissa Pedrini

Members Absent: Matt Janquart

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike Stifter-Public Works Director; Emily Shively-City Planner; and Kendra Ellner-Planner

Others Present: Sean Downing and Wendy Tokheim

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Carried 5-0. MSC Pedrini/LaRue to approve the notes from the May 18, 2022 meeting. Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

LaRue reminded Park Board that in 2019 Park Board approved the Sterling Ponds Park Plan, which included five acres of land being removed from park land and to be made neighborhood commercial instead. City Council is in the process of un-dedicating it, and many Sterling Ponds residents have voiced their concern. City Council will be discussing it on July 12.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Stephanie Falkers of SRF reviewed and updated Park Board about the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Park Board seemed to feel the six main goals looked good. A copy of the Park Facility Inventory was provided; feedback would be appreciated within two weeks. Next steps include pop-up events, a walking tour, stakeholder conversations (open to the public), a biking tour, a River Falls Days event, and a Council workshop.
2. Mike Stifter updated Park Board on current park projects. Playground equipment will be delivered soon and installed at Knollwood Park, Brandon's Park, Glen Park (donation from Golf course people), and Spring Creek (anonymous donation). The DeSanctis Schoolhouse restroom is nearly complete, and the deck and railing will be completed soon. The paving of the Hoffman Park Storm Shelter parking lot and service road around the FNBRF baseball field will be completed soon (baseball association paid about half). The Glen Park Pickleball courts have been resurfaced, but there are a few issues to be fixed. Glen Park art concept submissions will be

reviewed next month. At Wells Park, staff is looking at possibly resurfacing the courts and the resident survey results will be considered for other work there.

3. A new Bee City ad hoc committee met right before the Park Board meeting. Before applying to be a Bee City, City ordinances need to be looked at, such as if beehives are allowed in the City, and if the City supports No Mow May.

ACTION ITEMS

None

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be July 20, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dobbertin/Pedrini t to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative