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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart, and Natasha Schaefer

Members Absent: Melissa Pedrini

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike Stifter-Public Works Director; Jason Stroud-Asst. City Administrator

Others Present: Sean Downing and Ben Fochs

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Mueller/Gaulke to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 6-0.

WELCOME to new board member Natasha Schaefer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Jason Stroud discussed public art at Glen Park. River Falls has a percent for art program, called “River Falls Creates.” The first project was the blue metal wave at the power plant. The winner of the request for proposal (RFP) for art at Glen Park is called “Blossom” by an artist from California. (No artists from Wisconsin applied.) It is 9’-12’ varying heights and made of durable and low-maintenance stainless steel. The exact installation location in Glen Park is still being decided; the long-term Glen Park plan needs to be considered. Park Board should send any location feedback to Jason Stroud. Eventually there may be a map listing of public art, along with a description of each piece on the City website. Part of the fund is set aside for future maintenance. Park Board chair Patricia will attend the next River Falls Creates meeting on behalf of park board to look at the possible installation locations. This will likely be installed next spring or summer.

Brandon reported that he has noticed ball strikes, cracks and general weathering on the sides of the Hoffman Park storm shelter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Hoffman Park Campground fees and rules were discussed. The fee will be increased slightly, partly to help cover card fees. After a discussion, all sites will be available for seasonal rental (no discount), but customers would need to pay for the full length of stay. If someone no-shows,

the reservation will be canceled, and the site will become available to someone else at 9am the next day. Campground rules can be re-evaluated next year.

MSC Gaulke/Mueller to approve the increase in camping fees from \$20 to \$25 for electric site and \$10 to \$15 for tent site and that a tent in an electric site pays the full electric fee, and tents must be moved every five days to prevent grass damage, and other rule updates as discussed. Carried 6-0.

2. Mike Stifter updated Park Board that the Glen Park monument sign will be installed this fall at the west entrance. The pickleball courts will have a walk through with the contractor tomorrow regarding the resurfacing issues. Four newly installed playgrounds have turned out very well. They will be usable in the next week or two, but the Glen Park pour and play surface will take a couple more weeks. Sterling Ponds will receive soccer nets soon. There will also be berm and tree work, top dressing of the turf, and a baseball backstop installed this fall. The concrete around the octagon will be re-done this fall. The pool will close on evening of Sunday, August 28 but the splash pad will remain open through approximately Labor Day.

ACTION ITEMS

None

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be September 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Mueller/Dobbertin to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative