

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 7th, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

1. In Attendance:

Al Ebert, Dennis Miller, Judy Christianson, Vicki Shafran, Mark Rajkovich, Wendy Behnke, Betty Nies, Volunteer Mark Olsen, City Adm. Peter Wills, and Director Ann Marx. Excused was Joel Thorpe and Shelly Lau.

2. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Betty Nies, seconded by Dennis Miller to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Rajkovich, seconded by Judy Christianson to approve the December 3rd, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Visitors: none.

5. Chairman's Report: none

6. Directors Reports:

A. Community Center:

1. Facility Report: Numbers are up from November and overall good attendance. We expect some changes as Silver Sneakers is changing their protocol of what they pay through what insurance company, but overall we may see an increase in amount received.
2. Building & Grounds: Director Marx got a quote on replacing the ceiling tiles in rooms A&B – cost without demolition of \$5,055.00. Also a quote for Kitchen and A&B lighting to be updated to LED – cost of \$2,958. The budget from the remodel shows that we still have \$9000 left to use. A motion was made by Dennis Miller, seconded by Mark Rajkovich to ask the council to approve having the ceiling and lighting replaced in the A&B and the lighting replaced in the kitchen. Motion carried. Director Marx will send it to the council for approval.

B. Parks:

1. Horn Park Update: Mark Olsen reported that the Daycare Center in the Brillion Works TID is coming along really well and as of right now they have 7 kids registered. The target is to have it done by the end of February and to have 96 kids registered. This will be two months earlier than expected. They are working getting a warehouse with at least 50,000 square feet and will hopefully hear something as early as next week. The actual office building that was left standing on the corner of Park Street will be refurbished and upon completion it looks like will be completely rented out. This will add about 20 new jobs to the community. The next thing they are working on is multifamily apartments that will line the “new park”. The development company that they worked with says the Brillion can support anywhere from 65-100 units – they only plan on putting in a small portion of them for now. They are also still working on getting another grant from The Great Lakes Fund to help uncover the creek.
2. Peter’s Park: We are still in agreement that the bathrooms need to be either remodeled or new ones built, but after looking at the article from Hilbert regarding the cost of putting in new bathrooms in their park coming in at \$400,000 the consensus was that we do not have funds to do this with right now. We agreed to continue to look at ways to get money including Administrator Wills checking on the Cares Act to see if funds are available for parks.
3. Administrator Wills also reported that they are working on a grant to remove Dollar General. That grant would require it to be “just grass” for 5 years and that may have to be part of the Parks for us to take care of during that 5 years.
4. Heritage Park: The committee went over things that will need to be done at Heritage in the future, including a path around the entrances and additional parking needs.

C. Aquatics:

1. Patron Comparison:
 - a. Up from last year even though we were closed a few days with drainage problems in the splash pad.
2. Pool Schedule:
 - a. Saturdays will have lap swim and water exercise from 8-9 am, with lessons to follow.
 - b. New year’s we had 86 out of a possible 100 for free open swim.
 - c. This Saturday is free open swim and is full.

D. Recreation:

1. Gift Card Sales: We sold 146 certificates (\$30 get \$5 free) for a total of \$4300.
2. Spring Soccer: We will still be with the Lake to Lake league this year, but possibly changing in future years because of many of our normal league teams are moving out of the league to more competitive (like AAU) leagues.

7. Old Business:

- A. We have 7 sponsorship signs that were purchased and are ready to go up on the baseball fields in spring.
- B. Tree City submission was made by Dept. of Public Works Director Geiger.
- C. We have Emerald Ash borers in Brillion and will be looking at what needs to be done.

8. New Business: none

9. Adjournment

At 5:10 pm, Chairman Al Ebert adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Wendy Behnke, Commission Secretary