

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, November 4th, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm – BRILLION COMMUNITY CENTER

1. In Attendance:

Al Ebert, Dennis Miller, Mark Rajkovich, Judy Christianson, Wendy Behnke, Alderperson Tim Hanson, , Director Ann Marx,. Excused were: City Administrator Wills, Mayer Smith, Betty Nies and Joel Thorpe.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Rajkovich, seconded Judy Christianson to approve the October 7th, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Visitors: none

5. Chairman's Report: none

6. Directors Reports:

A. Community Center:

1. Facility Report: Scans and day passes are up.
2. Building & Grounds:

- a. A, B, and Assembly Room: Larry will changing the lights to LED.
- b. Locker Room Doors: The new doors are in and will be painted brown starting November 5th. The locker room will be closed all day.
- c. Budget: Admin. Wills worked diligently and managed to get the budget to balance out with a couple minor changes. It is ready to be approved by council on Monday night. Ann and Janice are brainstorming on more programming and setting up new rental packages.

B. Parks:

1. Building and Grounds: After Homecoming this year fireworks were let off in the outfield at Peter's Park. The outfield of the baseball field was wrecked and the fireworks were not cleaned up for over a week. The grass needed to be cut and the DPW team had to be careful not to wreck their equipment. Although a permit was approved by the Police Department, the Park Board was not asked about using our facility for fireworks. Going forward if fireworks are to be let off in any of the parks the Park Board would like to be involved in the process up front to make sure no damage is done to the park facilities and that any cleanup is done satisfactory to the Board.
2. Dumpsters: We currently have GFL for our dumpster service, we checked into changing to Deyo but at this point it would be more expensive so we will continue with GFL.

3. Bench Donation: Mary Artz donate a park bench and put a plaque on it in memory of her parents at Horn Park near the pond.
4. Wendy Behnke asked if the benches in the Tennis Courts are tipped over as part of winterization. Anne said no and that she would make sure to have the DPW guys fix them.
5. All park bathrooms are closed for the winter.

C. Aquatics:

1. Patron comparison: Up again over last October.
2. State Inspection: The pools had its annual state inspection, overall everything went well. Ann said there are a couple of minor things, but nothing that causes concern.
3. Chemical Storage: The new 200 gallon storage bins are here and all hooked up and working.
4. Monthly Memberships: Anne was asked about splitting up the membership between Pool and Center. The thought was that the pool membership would be cheaper, but the membership is quite cheap already and the general consensus was that if we were to do this we would keep the same fee for just the pool pass and add a higher fee for the Center Membership. After a discussion the Park Board decided that this would be too hard to monitor.
5. Network Health added us back into their Silver Sneakers plan and we expect see more memberships come 01.01.22.

D. Recreation:

1. Summer Staff: Admin. Wills asked Ann to bring to the Board and option of looking for volunteers to take care of the baseball and soccer fields for the summer months, instead of hiring temporary summer help. After discussion the Park Board agreed that temporary summer help is our best option and they are trained on the equipment and know what to do. Asking for volunteers could become a nightmare for Ann, when the volunteers don't show up or damage something.
7. Old Business: None.
8. New Business:
 - a. Anne read aloud to the children at Story Time this month at the Library.
9. **Adjournment: Chairman Al Ebert adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm. Next meeting will be January 6th, 2022 at the Community Center. If something comes up that we need to meet in December, Ann will call a meeting.**

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Wendy Behnke, Commission Secretary