

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

### 1. In Attendance:

a. Al Ebert, Mark Rajkovich, Dennis Miller(4:30 arrival), Judy Christianson, Joel Thorpe, Wendy Behnke, Director Ann Marx, City Administrator Peter Wills and Alternate Betty Nies. Excused: Alderperson Tim Hanson.

### 2. Approval of Agenda:

a. A motion was made by Betty Nies, seconded by Mark Rajkovich to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### 3. Approval of Minutes:

a. A motion was made by Judy Christianson, seconded by Mark Rajkovich to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### 4. Visitors:

a. Hank Horn Sr.

i. Hank was in attendance to get an update on the Horn Park plans. He explained what he knew about the plans. He was approached by Mark Olsen and was shown a presentation. He was then sent a pre-written letter to sign and return agreeing to the land swap. He did not sign and is

concerned about the entire plan. He came to urge the Park Board to slow down and not rush into anything. The park “as is” is good property with large trees and high ground. Where they wanted to move the park is along the creek and in the flood zone. He also is concerned about the bridges which were put in to help flooding and was wondering if those were taken into consideration.

- ii. City Administrator Wills then brought the board up to speed on what he has research regarding Horn Park.
  1. Admin Wills explained that when he came on board in November he was shown a presentation that has since been changed multiple times.
  2. He requested copies of all grant information, but had to threaten to engage the city attorney before he got all documentation.
  3. He investigated and found that nothing has been approved and in order for anything like this to happen, a full public process would need to take place.

4. He felt that he was being pushed to move forward, and that made him suspicious. He was sent a pre-written letter by Mark Olsen also. When he replied that everything is on hold and we needed to take things one step at a time, Mr. Olsen was upset and sent him multiple inappropriate emails.
5. At this time the City has received 3 grants with the help of Brillion Works and Ariens Co. to develop the old Iron Works property. Mitigation on this property will take many years and millions of dollars. They city will need to work on it one parcel at a time.
6. Administrator Wills told the Park Board that at this time the original Horn Park will not be changing at this time but an expansion of it may be in the future with added soccer fields and trails.

5. Chairman's Report: none

6. Director's Report

a. Community Center

i. Facility Report:

1. Scans are up again from last year.

ii. Building & Grounds:

1. Overall everything is going well.

2. Still waiting on quotes to have the center cleaned 3 days a week.

iii. 2022 Budget

1. The following items were brought up for 2022 budget additions.

- a. Cleaning of building
- b. Locker Room Floor resurfacing
- c. Splash Pad Floor repairs
- d. Black topping the rest of the road surrounding the center
- e. Rooms A & B lighting and ceiling replacement
- f. Peter's Park blacktopping – hoping to get some help from the new School Super-Intendant.

b. Parks

- i. Horn Park Update – see visitors above
- ii. Building & Grounds: Grass being cut, fields be taken care of and bathrooms in working order.
- iii. Peter's Park Sign: The sign was taken down Gary Dieter who was trying to repair it. After working on it he and Ann Marx have determined it is do deteriorated to fix. A motion was made by Betty Nies, seconded by Dennis Miller to authorize Peter Wils to apply for funds from tourism grants

up to \$3000 to replace the sign. Motion carried. Until the new sign is up, it was requested that the sign from the other entrance be moved to the Glenview entrance.

c. Aquatics:

- i. Patron comparison: Up 95% from last year as it was closed due to COVID last year.
- ii. Program and Staffing Update: More swim lessons were added and a new Aquatics director has been hired. More life guards are needed and lifeguarding lessons may be offered soon.

d. Recreation:

- i. Updates: Rookie ball and T Ball are both done. Summer soccer needs to make up some games. Overall things going well.

7. Old Business:

- a. ATV Park: We do have day passes being purchased.

8. New Business: none

9. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm by Chairman Ebert.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Wendy Behnke, Commission Secretary