



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2020

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

Tammy Miller
Kendra Schipp

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. The board read over the minutes from the March 4 meeting. Mike made a motion to approve, Jill seconded, all in favor. Reviewed finances from the March 4 meeting. Matt made a motion to approve, Mike seconded, all were in favor.

COVID-19 items

In order to open parks back up we have to follow state guidelines. Beginning June 14, practices for rec league can begin. Matt asked Tom about playgrounds, basketball court, tennis court. They can open May 24 with social distancing guidelines. We will discuss more at the June 10 meeting.

Boys Little League says they are not having a season. Girls softball plans to have a summer/fall league. Liniment League will start July 6. Horseshoe league is TBD. YMCA t-ball plans to start July 7 and will be played at 18th street. Park. It was noted that we will refund the team for a tourney that was scheduled in June that was cancelled.

Matt asked how concessions will be performed if games begin. Mike stated that he has not seen any guidelines on how concessions will run yet. He has been talking to Craig Weyer about all of this. Mike stated that USSSA says that no one over 60 will be allowed in parks once play resumes. Mike stated that extra cleaning, hand sanitizer stations and soap will have to be decided upon. Tom informed us that he has 6 gallons of hand sanitizing soap available. Tom suggested getting a sprayer to use in bathrooms, etc. to sanitize. Tammy said that money could be given to the county based on population and maybe we could use that money to purchase cleaning materials. The main points are how are we going to sanitize and what equipment will we use/need. Matt will address these issues with the council and will analyze on a month to month basis. There should be more guidelines coming from the CDC soon. It was noted that Jasper will be sanitizing their playgrounds daily.



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Summer Program

Chris James said he is intending to hire two summer employees. Tammy thought it was going to be nixed if not hired for town, then they could hire for Tom. Tom needs someone who can trim, mow and help sanitize. The person must be at least 17, preferably 18.

Molly Lusk and Layne Prechtel are possible prospects. We are going to get with Chris to get more information on how the summer rec program will work. What are the ages of the children, when will it start, etc. We think the ages are 4-9, and it runs Tuesday-Thursday.

Old Town Lake

We are getting close to completing this project. Had a final walk through with Universal and contractors May 7. There are 10-12 items repaired. Biggest issue is that a piece of equipment made tractor tire marks on the pavement. Brett Schipp is asking the contractor how they will repair this. He has not signed a certification of completion yet and will not sign it or hand over payment until this issue is resolved. We were hoping that substantial completion would be this month but probably not until next month. Tom had some light poles like the ones coming into town from I64 installed for safety and security. We need lights inside of the shelter house and a bird screen installed in there. The bird screen will cost around \$700 and will be installed above the rafters. Matt made a motion to purchase and install the bird netting and repellent spikes, Mike seconded, all in favor.

We did not apply for any more grants. Assuming we wrap up we will have a soft opening something after Memorial Day/first week of June. We are discussing different ideas to coincide with the opening; hosting a 5K, farm market, shirts, family fun hike, etc. We still need to acknowledge donors and the construction team. We need a list of contractors who worked on this project. Another idea was hosting a fishing day or kayaking day. People can purchase benches to have out at the lake for \$1000.00 per bench. There have been a lot of visitors.

Season Employees

Tom thought he had a guy but during shutdown the prospect had to go back to work until August. Brian Mullis has since applied and is the only one. We are going to try him out even though we are a little concerned since he has had several jobs. We will offer Brian \$12/hr. Matt made a motion to approve Brian Mullis as a season employee pending testing, Natalie seconded, all in favor.

Natalie stated that she will email the juniors and seniors at Forest Park about the opening for a mower/helper for Tom.

5th street projects

Football field parking is complete. There are a total of 6 spots. We were made deeper and a railing was put up. Scott Hoffman has been mowing. The soccer fields are in good condition. Tom said they put conditioner on all fields and they are looking good. Tom talked to Christ James about the sprinkler



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system on April 28 and was told they would be fixed. Chris was to get with Roger and Tom has yet to hear anything. We have not used the sprinklers at the park for at least 2 years. We need to get this figured out. Matt talked to Dean Daunhauer about the football facility. Dean has a document from 2000 and does not see a problem with putting a facility there. The cost will be between 50-100K. We will need to find money for this.

18th Street Park

Trees are planted and ½ of the old ones have been cut down. We had a stump grinder scheduled but COVID cancelled this. We need to start cutting the locust down. Ronnie Drew wants to get with Tom about the basketball court resurfacing. Ronnie thinks it can be done and wants to explain what he wants to do. Matt would like a quote.

Tom said they were having problems with the restroom being clogged. He called Kenny Pund and he really couldn't help. Tom found the clean out and it was full of mud and there was a clog. Eric and Tom dug it out and put a new clean up on it. Restrooms are now working.

Matt made a motion to close the meeting, Natalie seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes submitted on 16 May 2020

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