

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

April 20th, 2023

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by . Motion by Templeton, second by Potter at 4:00 PM in the Training Room of City Hall.

Members attending were: Rachel Arbach, Jeff Hanig, Leah DeMers, Don Templeton, and Krisit Potter. Also present were: Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Bryan Tipton, Parks Superintendent Jay Jensen, and YMCA CEO Aaron Fabel.

Hanig moved, second by Potter to approve the minutes of the March 16th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Arbach moved, second by DeMers to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A vacant spot is in search by Tipton and Mayor Harding.

Reports:

YMCA - Fabel reported the aquatic center resurfacing. YMCA pool will be resurfaced Mid-May. Two nice clean pools will be ready to go! Half marathon which is in conjunction with the city is next week.

Rec. Dept. - Cheap reported the replastering in the Aquatic center is complete. Starting the lengthy process of refilling the pool is started, chemicals balanced, water clear, vacuuming out the old dust and debris out, and brushing it as well. Takes 28 days before you can put the vacuum in the pool. Cheap reports it will be operational on Monday, April 24th. Members commented on how nice it looks.

Summer recreation starts on Monday, April 24th at 6:00am.

Parks Dept. - Jenson reported started cutting trees around town around curbs. About 44 trees down. Concrete work at horseshoe pit due to tree roots causing uplifting. Had to take one large tree out of Griffen park. Have to keep it up the maintenance in order to keep regulation to host tournaments. Will start flyfishing memorial bench. Leveling, raking, and sweeping fields. Turing on water. Fish cleaning station open. One dock in, other following soon. Devine Park playground going in, concrete and moving wood chips. Sweeping and raking fields

Hanig asked about policy about adding trees back in to replace those going out. Tipton reported that with agreement, the city always plants more trees than we take out. Homeowners get a tree allowance from the city to put a new tree in with guidance from East Pierre Landscape.

Old Business

Planning Discussion -

Tipton reported on Dog Park open house on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 11:30-1pm. The open house includes photo booth, pup cups, hot dogs, ribbon cutting, etc. Jensen reported a lot of people enjoying it and getting good traffic down there.

Tipton reported on 2024 proposed projects.

Sports floor for Boys and Girls Club gym - would be a cost share with the club. Cost of \$71,310. Right now it is tile, looking to put in a polyethylene type floor. Discussion of the agreement between the city and the B&GC on use of building. City pays utilities for the whole building. Discussion of how important this project is, or can it be pushed to 2025 to avoid possible tight budget in 2024.

Capital Creek - working on design. Looking at affordable options to refresh the bridge. Mentioned how Griffen Park is getting an upgraded look with updated band shelter, bridge, pool, and pickleball courts. Length of bridge will make a big difference in price.

Steamboat bathroom replacement and playground - moving that type of bathroom that is used in Griffen Park for Steamboat Park. Discussed park and recreation storage. Discussed picking out appropriate play structure that would attract all ages in that area and something that is different than what we have that could go along with a "steamboat" type idea. Tipton discussed looking at options and narrowing them down to bring to the board. If we don't have room for bathrooms in budget/time of 2024 that could be moved to 2025 with focus on getting the playground in. Looking at a type of artificial grass or turf for the area. Trying to steer away from wood chips for ADA and maintenance purposes.

LWCF - meeting with GF&P, getting closer on Roosevelt Park and trail to the cemetery. Trail Arts did a preliminary design starting at Elizabeth street to cemetery. About a 4 miles trail. Estimation of about 5 or 6 months to build the trail. Tree clearing, brush clearing, and soil moving needs to be done.

Tennis Court resurfacing - LaBarge Park will be resurfaced this summer. Want to slow down on some projects to allow maintenance to have the ability to keep up and have our buildings not get neglected in the process of putting new things in. Keep things looking nice while adding new additions.

Softball fields - Tipton working on quote for lighting. Can't host larger tournaments without proper lighting.

Griffen Ball field - working on footings for lights.

DeMers and Templeton asked about budget and funding for 2023/2024 projects.

Discussion of smaller projects that could work for 2024 such as Pleasant Park.

Causeway Trail - must be done by 2024 to use the funds. This project is a go and in process with DOT. Money will carry over from 2022 budget.

Dog Park Committee - dog tags they have made with donors names they would like attached to the fence. Large signs cannot be placed of donors on the fence. Maintenance of the dog tags would be a struggle. Appearance of a bunch of tags on the fence might start take away from the beauty of the park. Vandalism and stealing of the tags is a worry. Discussion of selling bricks to create a paved walkway from road/parking lot to the park could have donors names on them. Tipton will discuss with Dog Park Committee.

PILC Soccer Fields - DeMers asked about maintenance of fields. CASA is supposed to maintain throughout the season. City of Pierre covers large maintenance of the fields. DeMers asked about adding a larger concession to the area. Tipton and Jensen reported that the City of Pierre does not own the land so we are not allowed. DeMers requested looking at a new location for soccer fields/complex.

Discussion of possible addition to baseball complex and location. Tipton has looked at many areas and having trouble finding an appropriate place.

New Business

Project Updates – many discussed above. Short on time.

- Band shelter
- Harrison field
- Devine corn hole
- Aquatic center

Dialogue

Motion by DeMers seconded by Potter to adjourn the meeting at 4:57pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is on May 18th at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Arbach, Secretary