

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

June 15th, 2023

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

Members attending were: Rachel Arbach, Jeff Hanig, Leah DeMers, Krisi Potter, Don Templeton. Also present were: Recreation Superintendent Torry Zeller, Director Bryan Tipton, and YMCA CEO Aaron Fabel.

Absent were: Parks Superintendent Jay Jenson and Commissioner Todd Johnson

Potter moved, second by Templeton to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Reports:

YMCA - Fabel reported that the YMCA pool replaster project is complete. YMCA pool will be open of the public on Monday, June 19th. The new water has been great.

Rec. Dept. - Zeller asked what the board is looking for specifically that needed to be reported on. Zeller just starting in the new position discussed networking with YMCA and city staff has been great to work with. Discussion of needing to update software for summer recreation. Summer recreation session one is complete with exception to Safety Town graduation on Friday, June 16th. Things are going well, he is getting around Zeller reported second session starting on Tuesday, June 20th. Fire Department will be at Devine Park in July for the start of the fire hydrant parties throughout the summer. There will be three different locations running consecutive weeks. For Oahe Days, the human foosball game will be used for a tournament. Continuing to work on a bid for the Aquatic Center pool deck and replacing/fixing the tile with good leads on where to take it from here. Oahe Glass came in to give estimates about replacing doors in the Aquatic Center. Discussion of different options for doors and what works best in the environment of the Aquatic Center. Possibility of putting paint on the walls in the Aquatic Center as well. Discussion of using Park staff in the Winter to paint to save a little money. Having the right lifts and things to get it done is the question. DeMers suggested the possibility of asking the High School art classes to get creative with a mural to spruce it up. Tipton discussed using the City of Pierre logo colors, which would be consistent with the new outdoor pool.

Parks Dept. - Tipton reported Parks crew pouring concrete pads and perimeter on the new disc golf holes. Concerns about traffic in the parks while they are completing the project. Irrigation in Steamboat park is being fine tuned. There is still irrigation work with the replacement of the main line in the park. Irrigation around the water treatment plant is good to go because it is all brand new. Tipton reported B&G Club netting completed,

Harrison shade structure and concrete work completed, Corn Hole project completed, LaBarge Tennis Courts completed, and this week the band shelter in Griffin Park upgrade has begun. Some hiccups with irrigation lines being hit in the digging process.

Templeton suggested putting together a plaque for Andy Paige as a thank you for his hard work on the project. Discussion of where to place it on the boards or on the concrete for the boards. Tabled for the next meeting.

Templeton reported Sonnenschein having \$6,000 from a donation for the Dog Park. Ideas were a picnic shelter or a water fountain.

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Old Business

2024 Project List -

Oahe Days -

Capitol Creek Bridge Replacement - Tipton reported a bid of about 7,000 to removed old bridge. If footings are in proper condition we can put in replacement bridge without much more cost. Links Bridges is the company. The bridge is expected to last many years with the type of material it is made of. Griffin Park area should be left alone for quite a few years. Many small yet big decisions to make with the new pool with concession area, equipment, lounge chairs and any other kind of accessory that needs to go in.

LaBarge Tennis Courts - Discussed in Parks Department Report

New Business

Harrison Field - Discussed in Parks Department Report

Boys and Girls Club Safety Net - Discussed in Parks Department Report

Corn Hole Court - Devine - Discussed in Parks Department Report

Playground Equipment - Multiple Sites - Many of our parks have outdated equipment and have removed a lot of play systems with new construction. Replacement of storage/bathroom shelter is in the works in Steamboat park as someone recently damaged it by backing into it. Tipton reported a company that can be used to avoid the bid process and replace some of these older play structures. Steamboat Park is in motion with the money for replacement of the old one taken out for water treatment plant. Jenson reported to Tipton that Brandt Park's play structure is starting to age as well. Discussion of Pleasant Park and safety of what to do to keep kids off railroad tracks and keep the park farther from the corner intersection. Discussion of putting a

vegetation barrier to block the railroad tracks. Suggestions of exercise equipment or walking loop for Senior Center.

Light poles in Griffin Baseball Field and Dan Kelley discussed. Discussion of Roosevelt Street and new trail. Question of if there is room for another baseball field to help bring in more JO and Little League tournaments for the city. Determined that it might not be the best spot for a new field.

Aquatic Center Tile - Discussed in Aquatic Center Report

Dock - Downs Marina - Commissioner Johnson suggested to Tipton to replace this dock. Discussion of possible price that might be tough to budget in, but possible co-op with Game Fish and Parks would be helpful.

Dialogue

Motion by Templeton seconded by Potter to adjourn the meeting at 5:02pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is on July 20th at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Arbach, Secretary