

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting
November 18th, 2021**

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 3:32 PM in the Training room of City hall. Social distancing was observed by members spreading out in the meeting room. There were no guests.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Rachel Arbach, Buddy Seiner and Jeff Hanig. Also present was Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Tom Farnsworth, Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman, and Parks Crew Leader Toby Stertz.

Templeton moved, second by Seiner to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Seiner moved, second by Arbach to approve the agenda as presented with the addition one item of special business. Motion carried.

Simpson recognized Templeton who presented Farnsworth with a gift of a carved and painted wood cardinal. This was in recognition of his recent retirement announcement. Farnsworth thanked Don and board for the gift.

Old Business

Skate Park -

Equipment has been erected and on November 8 was open to the public. It is getting active use by the kids. The staff will place landscape boulders on the south side to prevent vehicles from driving up close to the structure. A grand opening will be held in the spring of 2022. This completes this project.

Aquatic Center HVAC –

Cheap reported the HVAC unit has been delivered and installed. Final testing is going on today and a final walk through of the project will be scheduled after Thanksgiving. This will complete this project.

Dog Park –

Lieberman reported she inspected the chain link fence offered for sale at a discount price by John Weber for the dog park and other projects. This is one year old fence and is like new, 9 gauge, 6ft. tall and about 4,094 linear feet. It has been taken down and stored with the line posts. The owner would like \$9/linear ft. Cost of new is \$14/linear ft. Lieberman recommended the City purchase as it would be a good deal. Farnsworth stated the direction given by the Administrator was to purchase this fence if inspection report was good. There are also four gates. The owner would help load it onto trailers. All agreed this will kick start the project. Lieberman has been directed to meet with Tarrah Sonnenschein to finish design layout and identify costs of items. From this report priority can be determined on which items are installed first. It is hopeful the dog park could be finished by late next year. The board was informed of a \$10,000 donation by Scott and Julia Jones of Delta Dental to the project. Staff will schedule time to go get the fence and haul to Pierre before winter sets in.

Fish Cleaning Station –

Hanig reported the committee is still working to get design and cost estimates for the enclosed fish cleaning station project. Once this information is obtained the board can revisit the project with the City Administrator and Commissioner for potential funding and/or permission to move forward. Hanig stated he has heard two other communities in the state are interested in an enclosed facility. Hanig will keep the board updated as new information develops.

Pickle Ball Courts–

Farnsworth reported that an MOU with CAPA and the City for the four court project has been signed. The City has also accepted an engineer proposal from Brosz to design and oversee construction. Seiner reported fund raising was going strong with a recent \$15,000 donation from the Gayle Miller foundation. The committee is approaching \$200,000 which includes the City \$50,000 contribution. This project is expected to be ready to go out for bids in February with an October completion date of 2022.

Causeway Trail –

Farnsworth reported this project is under design by Brosz engineers. It is the intent for Brosz, working with the SDDOT, to get this project out for bids and construct the trail in 2022. The City has until December 2024 to complete and utilize the grant funds.

New Business

Request for Memorial Bench –

Farnsworth told the board of a request for a memorial bench by Judge Camela Theeler. Lieberman gave a report on location of benches available to sponsor. Theeler requests a bench along the trail by the Amphitheatre. This would be to honor her parents Bob and Pat Clark's 50th anniversary. Theeler understands it is a minimum of \$250 donation for the bench. Motion by Hanig, second by Seiner to approve the request by Judge Theeler and the location. Motion carried. Lieberman will follow up with Judge Theeler to get the engraved plaque done and schedule the installation of the bench by staff.

YMCA/Rec Dept—

Aaron was absent so no report from the YMCA. Mindy reported seasoned citizen programs are going well, the November swim meet had approximately 230 swimmers and the underwater pumpkin patch event in October was a success.

Dialogue

Hanig mentioned it would be nice to see some green space development west of the legion cabin to perhaps replace what has been removed by Skate Park and soon pickle ball courts. Farnsworth will try to locate past design plans done by Stockwell engineers so the board could review that.

Simpson and Farnsworth reviewed the status of the LWCF land conversion with the board. Simpson may try to help mediate the issue so the City can again participate in LWCF grant applications. Farnsworth reported the City of Canton received \$400,000 of LWCF funds for their pool project.

Motion by Arbach, second by Hanig to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm.
Next meeting is January 20th at City hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Farnsworth, Director