

## **Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting February 21, 2019**

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Howard at 3:30 PM in the City Hall Training Room.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Jeff Hanig, John Simpson, Rachel Arbach and Heather DeBoer. Also present was staff members Tom Farnsworth, Todd Kelly and Mindy Cheap and Commissioner Vona Johnson. Excused was Aaron Fabel.

Introductions of board members and staff were made and a welcome given to new board members Rachel Arbach and Heather DeBoer.

Templeton moved and Simpson seconds a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17 regular meeting and January 24 special board meeting. Motion carried.

Simpson moved and Hanig seconds a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

The board reviewed the 2019 project list and staff answered questions as needed.

**2019 Projects Underway/To Be Completed** - Marilyn Tassler memorial bench, Parking lot improvement west of Dan Kelly field (Street Dept.), Downs Marina/Lewis and Clark Trail Improvement (Wellmark Foundation grant), Steamboat Parking lot landscaping/seeding to be done after the Steamboat Park Trail reconstruction project (RTP grant) (Amphitheatre section), Griffin Park Storm shelter completion June 15, Chamber of Commerce landscaping (removing flowers/shrubs and planting grass), Softball field improvements with OSA and BID board funds, Griffin Park baseball field improvements with CCBA and BID board funds, high water mark sign (FEMA sponsored), flag pole for Community Orchard.

**Capital City Baseball Association Griffin Park baseball field traffic/safety issue** – Farnsworth illustrated a revised plan to improve safety/traffic flow past the baseball field during games. The illustration showed use of Type I barriers in two locations, which would prevent motorized traffic to travel on the road past the ballfield during game times only. The revisions from three to two barriers were approved by the City Safety Committee. It has also been approved by the CCBA. Hanig commented the teams could manage the placement and removal of the barriers as game schedules will vary. This would avoid the City having to do this. This is a test method for this season to see if we want a more permanent type of barrier or swing gate. Motion by Simpson, second by Arbach to approve this plan and to schedule a presentation to Commission at a later date. Motion carried. Road closures require permission from the City Commission. Farnsworth will work with Commissioner Johnson to schedule this.

**Outdoor Pool Committee** – Dr. Howard reported he and Simpson attended the pool committee presentation to the City Commission on Feb. 19 Howard said it was very thorough, very well done and the City web page has more details on the project. The next step will be soon to be announced public informational meetings. Farnsworth stated they hope to have these the first two weeks of March.

**City Welcome Signs and Banners** – Farnsworth reported the Chamber of Commerce CEO Jamie Seiner is willing to work with the City and be involved with this potential project, form a committee and work

towards a long term solution for welcome signs and banners for the City. Farnsworth recommended tabling this topic until further direction from the City Administrator and Commissioner Johnson. The board agreed.

**Dog Park Sub-Committee** – Templeton and Howard stated the first meeting went well; minutes of the meeting were reviewed. The next meeting is set for March 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee is reviewing locations and designs for a dog park in Pierre.

**Boys and Girls Club Remodel** – Farnsworth updated the board on status of this project. Ainsworth-Benning has been selected as the construction manager at Risk, the board reviewed illustrations of the project, and staff showed the board ideas of how the recreation department could use the gym to rent out for more activities once the project is completed. The club intends to use the Methodist church and Discovery Center for their programs while the building is under construction.

### **New Business**

**Oahe Days Committee** – Farnsworth reported he attended an Oahe Days committee meeting and the dates of this summer event are June 20-22 in Steamboat Park. Concerns were expressed by Kelly over lack of control of vehicles driving through the park grass.

**Mickelson Pond Ice Fishing Event** – Cheap reported she worked with SDGF&P on the first ice fishing event for kids on Mickelson pond. It was held Feb. 15 and sponsored by the Elks for kids from the Boys and Girls club. The event went very well.

**YMCA/Rec Dept. report** – Cheap reported on the senior winter programs. Work continues for planning the 2019 recreational programs for the summer. Seasonal applications are coming in.

**Dialogue** - Dr. Howard asked about the future of Skate Park if the pool project moves forward. The board will discuss relocating this park at future meetings. The plan for the pool is to be under construction in 2021 so the skate park would have to be moved. Simpson reported no word back from the railroad folks on sponsorship of a fence by the Pleasant Drive Park.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM. The next meeting of the board will be March 21 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully,

Tom Farnsworth, Director