

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

May 18, 2023

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by motion by DeMers and seconded by Potter at 4:01 PM at City Hall.

Members attending were Leah DeMers, Don Templeton and Kristi Potter. Also present, were Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Bryan Tipton, and Parks Superintendent Jay Jensen. Torry Zeller.

Potter moved and was seconded by DeMers to approve the minutes of the April 20th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

DeMers to approve the agenda of May 18, 2023 and seconded by Potter. Motion Approved

Reports:

Rec Dept - Mindy Cheap is retiring in June. The incoming Recreation Superintendent will be Torry Zeller. All summer help has been hired and busy onboarding staff.

Parks Dept – Jensen reported planting trees at the dog park. Concrete pad for the horseshoe area. Busy making sure the fields are ready. Steamboat grass seeded. A Pole net has been set for the Boys & Girls Club to save balls from hitting kids playing on the playground.

Old Business

Planning Discussion-

Tara Sonnenschein has received private donations for the dog park. Possible uses could be a little bridge over the drainage area. Could do a hydrant with a slow drain. Templeton asked if there could be a porta-potty put in at the dog park. Jensen will look into what they could do.

Tipton reported the memorial bench is ready to be ordered.

Boys and Girls Club gym floor. Boys and Girls Club as able to get a \$100,00 grant with a match. New floor, 6 basketball hoops, and replace divider net.

Replacing the bridge in Griffin Park cost around \$61,000. The removal of the old bridge and installation cost still needs to be calculated based on the condition of the footing present under the current bridge.

The pre-cast bathroom to replace the current structure in Steamboat Park came in \$30,000 higher than the same bathroom recently added to Griffin swim beach area in 2021. The cost is estimated at \$90,000.

Roosevelt Park Is still in the works. Still working with LWCF on the conversion.

Tipton reported on the tennis courts. Labarge is almost complete. On the list is to complete the other tennis courts in Griffin Park. The total cost is \$67,000. Applying for a grant for \$25,000. The PSD would add money to the project along with the Pierre Tennis Association.

Tipton reported on the softball lights. Still working through the issues at Griffin Field. \$565,000 for the lights and poles at the ball complex.

Pleasant Street Park – looking at options that are available. Multipurpose courts or playground equipment are options.

New Business

The trail from Elizabeth Street to the cemetery. Around 4 miles of natural trail. 90% of the work will be done by city staff. There will be trail markers.

Oahe Days – Scheduled for June 16-17.

Park bathroom floor improvements are done. Floors were commercially epoxied

The Aquatic Center could use new floor tiles.

Potential baseball/softball fields.

Dialogue

Motion by DeMers and seconded by Templeton to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is on June 15th, 2023 at 4:00 at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Potter