

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting  
June 18, 2020**

A tour of the Boys and Girls Club facility, currently under remodel by Ainsworth Benning company of Spearfish, was held at 3:30PM. Staff from the Boys and Girls Club along with Gidget Palmer, project manager for the City, conducted the tour. The remodel is scheduled for substantial completion by July 6 with the Club scheduled to move in and open around July 13. The City is proposing to begin renting the gym facility when the Club is not using it around August 1. Superintendent Mindy Cheap is working on the rental packet and items that will be rentable to the community. This will be unveiled as the City nears the August 1 date. The board was able to visualize the concession area, the storage area, restrooms and lobby where the public can convene/use during a rental event. At the conclusion members of the Park and Recreation board convened for a brief meeting.

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 4:15 PM at the Boys and Girls Club. Social distancing was observed by members spreading out in the gym area.

Members joining were: Jeff Hanig, Rachel Arbach, Heather DeBoer and Buddy Seiner. Also present was Director Tom Farnsworth, Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Parks Superintendent Thomas Moore, YMCA CEO Aaron Fabel and Commissioner Vona Johnson. Excused was Don Templeton. Guests attending were Gidget Palmer.

Hanig moved, second by Seiner to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Arbach moved, second by Seiner to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of bench sponsorship request. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**2020 Plan of Work –**

Staff briefed the board on the continued progress they are making with the 2020 plan of work for the year as of 6.16.20. A report detailing the projects and other tasks was sent to the board in advance for review. The board reviewed this and asked questions of staff. Superintendents Moore and Cheap have the responsibilities of scheduling staff and carrying out the work during the year.

**New Business**

**Request to sponsor a Park bench –**

Farnsworth briefed the board a request was made by the Mary Scott family to sponsor a new bench on the Steamboat Trail rehabilitation project. A check for \$250.00 and engraved plaque would be received by the City. Motion by Seiner, second by Hanig to approve the sponsorship and request. Motion carried.

Simpson called on Recreation Superintendent Cheap for reports on activities. Cheap stated she has offered special events like slip and slide Kickball for ages 8-12, will be offering neighborhood fire hydrant parties for families and kids with support from the fire department staff and second session registration for summer rec activities is going well.

Fabel stated the opening of the YMCA is going well, lap swim activities are going ok at the aquatic center pool and kids are enjoying the activities that are being offered.

After dialogue with the board Simpson stated it was sad to have to say good bye to board member Heather as she and her husband would be moving to Watertown where Heather was accepting a job as an elementary school principal. All wished Heather the best and thanked her for her time and contributions to park and recreation.

Motion by Hanig, second by DeBoer to adjourn at 4:40PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Farnsworth, Director