

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting
June 20, 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 Prairie Room.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Rachel Arbach, Jeff Hanig and Aaron Fabel. Also present was Commissioner Vona Johnson, Tom Farnsworth, Mindy Cheap and Thomas Moore. Excused were John Simpson and Heather DeBoer. No guests attended.

Dr. Howard and Farnsworth introduced Thomas Moore the new Park Superintendent and introductions of the board were made.

Arbach moved, second by Hanig a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16 meeting. Motion carried.

Hanig moved and Fabel second 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 Started/Underway – OSA softball field improvements with OSA and BID board funds, Down's Marina/Lewis and Clark Trail section improvements with Well mark grant, Griffin Park Storm Shelter/Community room, HVAC unit replacement at the Aquatic Center, flag pole for community orchard.

2019 Projects Not Started Yet, To Be Completed this year – CCBA Griffin Park baseball field renovation with CCBA and BID board funds, Steamboat Trail rehabilitation (Amphitheatre section), Memorial Park benches for Marilyn Tassler and Tim Von Kennel, Honorary Park bench for Todd Kelly, parking lot rehabilitation West of Dan Kelley field (street dept.), Landscaping, seeding, irrigation around the new storm shelter/community room, Landscaping, seeding, irrigation front of Chamber of Commerce building, Landscaping, seeding west of Amphitheatre, Landscaping, seeding campground area where new storm drain was placed, FEMA sponsored high water mark sign. The Tim Von Kennel bench has been placed at the Aquatic Center/YMCA and the family may donate funds for a bench in the Park. Due to the winter weather, the Griffin Park storm shelter project is a month behind schedule. Placement of the JO approved softball storage shed has not started yet, contractor will do this and community orchard shed and shelter has not started but will be done by a contractor.

Outdoor Pool Committee – Commissioner Johnson reported that she and the Mayor are working on the capital campaign and a campaign chair will be named in the near future. A kickoff date and event will take place in the next month or so and more announcements to come on that. A new case statement for the project is being prepared by staff. The pool committee will continue to meet as needed to assist with the project. Fund raising will take two years, final design to be completed in 2021, and construction to start in 2021 with new pool opening in 2022.

Dog Park location – Dr. Howard updated the board on a meeting with the dog park committee at the proposed site of a new dog park for Pierre. The board reviewed the site via a google earth map and background information was shared on status of the work of the committee. Both Howard and Templeton are on the committee discussing this new project. Templeton moved and Arbach second a motion to recommend to the City Commission the City authorize the use of the City land east of the Park shop on East Sully St. for a dog park location. Motion carried. If Mayor and Commission approve of the location, the dog park committee will begin fundraising and final design and costs for the new park.

New Business

Request to adopt a Park Bench - Farnsworth handed out a request from the Bernie Christenson family to sponsor a bench in Steamboat Park that is next to the one for Mary and Glenn Green. The family will contribute \$250 to the City towards the cost of the bench which is available. Motion by Hanig, second by Fabel to approve the request to adopt a park bench by the Christenson family. Motion carried.

2020 Budget requests - Farnsworth reviewed the status of the requests for 2020 funds for equipment and park projects. A discussion was held on the need to stripe parking lots at the sports complex and in Griffin Park. Staff will look into the costs of hiring a contractor for the initial striping and then park staff seasonal employees doing re-striping as needed. Commissioner Johnson supported this approach.

YMCA/Rec Dept. report – Cheap is working on a plan to replace the sand in the sand filters at the indoor pool, Fabel stated the ribbon cutting for the YMCA improvement projects went very well.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next meeting of the board will be July 18 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully,

Tom Farnsworth, Director