

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting October 20th, 2022

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman John Simpson at 3:40 PM in the Training Room of City hall.

Members attending were: John Simpson, Rachel Arbach, Buddy Seiner, Kristi Potter and Leah DeMers. Also present were: Commissioner Todd Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Mindy Cheap, Director Bryan Tipton, and Parks Superintendent Tanya Lieberman

Arbach moved, second by Fabel to approve the minutes of the September 15th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

DeMers moved, second by Potter to approve the agenda. Motion carried

The board welcomed two new members Kristi Potter and Leah DeMers. Introductions followed. John Simpson gave a heartfelt goodbye to the Park and Recreation Board as his term limit had expired in January but John stayed on until new members could be appointed by the Mayor. John's service to the Board was a great asset and he had great insight and knowledge of many projects. Board members wished him well and he will be missed. John was an excellent chairman leading the board and making suggestions.

Old Business

Pickleball-

The pickleball group was invited to discuss the location of the pickle ball court construction. Diane Smith and a group had come in to look at fitting 6 courts into Griffin Park but the location will not fit six courts. Bryan Tipton recommended looking at LaBarge Park to build the four new courts with the option of converting the current tennis court into four more pickle ball courts. Prior to the meeting the group met and discussed the pros and cons of both locations. A very long discussion was held in regard to the location of the courts. Steiner made a motion to keep the desired location as Griffin Park 2nd by Arbach Motion carried. Soil testing for LaBarge was initiated but will be canceled and the re-bid of the project by Brosz will continue for Griffin Park.

Dog Park –

A new bid to install the fence was requested but not received prior to the meeting. If the bid was below the raised amount of funding construction could start in November of 2022 with the parks department staff installing the chain link to the poles that would be installed by a contractor.

Band shelter update –

Lieberman reported that the concrete work was being reviewed and the project would start soon. Stonework around the pillars would be completed after the floor was placed. LED lighting estimates have also been received and will be installed by the electric dept.

Corn hole –

Tipton reported that the boards have been ordered and we will let the contractor know that the tee pads can be installed.

Harrison Field– Shade structure poles are to arrive next week and concrete can be started.

Steamboat Park: Tabled for the next meeting

Tennis court resurfacing – tabled for next meeting

New Business

- **Eagle Scout project** – Riley Southern was not able to attend but he provided a detailed plan for the installation of a backboard and windscreen. Motion by DeMers 2nd by Steiner to move forward with the project.
- **Bike Path agreement**– no update – out of time
- **Lock Wall** – no discussion – out of time

YMCA/Rec Dept—

Cheap reported that on Sunday the underwater pumpkin patch will take place.

Dialogue

Motion by Seiner second by Arbach to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm. Motion carried. The next meeting is on November 17th at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted, -Bryan Tipton, Director