

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 26, 2017

4:30 PM

Ed Overland Room



Present: Alderpersons: Dennis Kittleson, Regina Hirsch, Lisa Reeves, Matt Bartlett, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch
Guests: Bob Dvorak, Pat Groom, Rich Hagen

1. Election of Chair

Hirsch was nominated by Bartlett. No other nominations. Passed 5-0.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Bartlett was nominated by Kittleson. No other nominations. Passed 5-0

3. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Hirsch at 4:35 PM

4. Approval of the Minutes from March 22, 2017

Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Kittleson, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2017 with corrections. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Communications

Park Development Fund and Fees

Lynch reports that there was a little more than \$25,000 undesignated money in the Park Development Fund. The Finance Director is still putting together a complete picture of this fund.

Rotary Park Amenity Updates

The equipment has arrived and will be installed shortly. This includes 8 benches, 2 waste containers, 2 flower containers and a drinking fountain.

River Trail Cleanup Summary

The River and Trails Task Force cleanup on April 22 resulted in over 20 bags of litter and debris collected by approximately 30 volunteers.

Fair Contract Progress

The City Attorney is close to completing a draft of the contract with the Stoughton Fair. We should be addressing this at the next meeting.

Community Garden Opening

The garden has been prepared by parks maintenance and is now open with all the plots set to be attended to this summer.

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The feasibility study request for proposals have been sent out two firms with more to come. We are also looking at modeling folk schools that promote outdoor learning and community gathering.

Arnett Property

The clearing that is visible from Highway N is on Arnett owned property. He has been clearing the invasive trees and leaving the oaks.

Criddle Park Playground

The wood play structure will be repaired for use this year with a plan to remove and replace with natural play structures in 2018.

Old Business

6. Nordic Ridge Park Plans

Bob Dvorak answered questions from the committee about the proposed splash pad and the shelter. Changes to the shelter plan, including reducing the size of the controls room, increasing the storage and increasing the restroom plumbing, were discussed by the committee. These changes will be incorporated into the building plan.

New Business

7. Pickleball Court at Mandt Park Funding Request

Rich Hagen from the Lions Club asked the committee to contribute \$20,000 for the construction of a pickleball court in the northeast corner of Mandt Park. The project is estimated to cost \$60,000, with \$20,000 coming from the Lions Club and \$20,000 coming from additional Lions Club fund raising. There is \$25,657.55 undesignated funds in the park development fund.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Kittleson to recommend to Council to allocate \$20,000 from the park development fund for the construction of a \$60,000 pickleball complex at Mandt Park contingent on the remainder of \$40,000 being raised by the Stoughton Lions Club. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Meeting Time Discussion

This will be worked out before next meeting

9. Future Agenda Items

Stoughton Fair Contract
Park Development Fund
Community Garden Rules
Fish Ladder

Adjournment

Motion made by Hirsch, seconded by Kittleson at 6:15 PM. Motion passed 5-0.