



PARKS & RECREATION

Lower Level Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Goldsmith at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Jon Scherbring, Sarah Goldsmith, Casey Frye, Matt Ungs

ABSENT

Megan Scherrman, Nathan Huebner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Goldsmith asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Ungs, seconded by Lang.
Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Ungs.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

2. Receive & File Director's Report - April 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Ungs, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

3. Receive & File Director's Report - May 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Ungs, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

4. Receive & File Director's Report - June 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Unga, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga

Motion Carried

5. Receive & File Director's Report - July 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Unga, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga

Motion Carried

6. Receive & File Director's Report - August 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Unga, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga

Motion Carried

7. Receive & File Director's Report - September 2024

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Unga, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga

Motion Carried

8. Westside Park Upgrades - Ball Diamond Work

We have paved walking trails and have added a concrete pad, making most of the lime areas concrete. This will allow bleachers to be on pavement. This pavement will also help people with disabilities, which will be great.

Candy Cane diamonds will be changed to host 13 years and older players. This will help with Field of Dreams tournaments. These games will remain on weekends only.

9. Westside Park Upgrades – Lights

On Monday, lights were placed on Field #1 at Westside Park. Funds were originally budgeted for the Commercial Club bathrooms; however, they were not ready to put these in. The funds were to expire if not used by a certain date, so they reassigned the funds to be spent on lights for the ball fields. They will be installing lights tomorrow at Candy Cane Park. These will be LED lights.

10. Westside Park Upgrades – Netting

Adam Huehnergath spoke with a few people regarding netting by the fields. He doesn't believe Commercial Club Park has much of a problem with fly balls as do the other diamonds. Field of Dreams is looking at netting also. If we could do it at the same time, we may be able to get a better price. Huehnergath did not find netting that he thought looked good. He stated that we have 3 options: put nets over the entire area; place netting/fencing behind the spectators; or extend the fencing behind home plate and bend the fencing in. Goldsmith asked if he had prices and photos and also whether or not Field of Dreams will help fund it. Huehnergath will bring information to the next meeting.

11. Aquatic Center - Financials

Financials for the aquatic center were included in the packet. The financial loss was less than in previous years. Revenue was okay even though attendance was down, partially due to inclement weather. The attendance was down 10%. The new hours did not really affect admission later in the day.

New ideas - Offer pool parties Saturday and Sunday from 11am - 1 pm and charge \$250.00. There was a question as to whether or not staffing would be an issue. Huehnergath feels we are losing good lifeguards due the wages we pay. Another facility is paying \$13.00/hr.

12. Aquatic Center - Shade

Huehnergath is looking into shade for a couple of areas up at the pool. We need to decide where would be the best place to put the shades. Many parents that go to watch their kids don't want to be out in the sun. A question was made as to whether or not we should plant a tree. No comments were made.

13. Aquatic Center - Open & Close Policies

Huehnergath wanted to address our closing policy. He asked if we could close the pool if the temperature is below 70 degrees. The lifeguards really do not want to be there if there are no patrons. This would also save us money. The commission has decided to revisit this at the next meeting.

14. Dyersville Soccer League - All Girls League

The All Girls League was an overwhelming success. Huehnergath will put out a survey for all parents that had a girl in the All Girls League to get feedback. We have several options we can choose from: it was fun, but we don't need to do it again; keep it exactly the same adding an additional week; have an all girls and all boys league (grade 5-8) during the Summer the same time as Senior Soccer on Sunday afternoon, or switch all the grades to all girl and all boy. Huehnergath wanted the commission to get feedback from other parents.

15. Dyersville Soccer League - Awards

This year we had three divisions: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The winner from the Gold level receives a trophy and 2nd place receives a medal; the winner of the Silver level receives a medal and 2nd place receives nothing; and the winner of the Bronze level receives a medal and 2nd place receives nothing. Do we want to give out more awards? The answer was unanimously "No". We do not want participation medals.

16. Dyersville Soccer League - Pictures

Pictures worked well; however, we need to have them earlier in the season or before the season starts so more people can order buttons, etc. so it's worth the photographer's time. They would also like to do this same process for baseball & softball.

17. Flag Football - Overview

3rd & 4th grade flag football went very well. Goldsmith would like to see a 5th & 6th grade flag football offered as well. Huehnergath suggested having something for 5th & 6th grade in the Spring (March - April). He will put out a survey to see what the parents would like to see. Ungs recommended that for 1st & 2nd grade flag football teams have a one hour practice and then go into a 40 minute game. The kids don't seem to remember the plays from practice several days earlier and then they would only meet once a week.

18. Flag Football - 2025 Plans

The plans for 2025 were previously discussed. The commission is gather data Huehnergath will send out a survey to see what the interest is for 5th/6th grade flag football.

19. Commission Member Comments

There were no commission comments.

20. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M. on a motion made by Scherbring, seconded by Frye.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

October 23, 2024
Date