

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jon Scherbring, Megan Scherrman, Matt Monahan, Nathan Huebner

ABSENT

Jason Lang and Sarah Goldsmith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scherrman asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Monahan, Seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

ORAL COMMENTS - None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2023

Scherrman asked for comment or changes and there were none. Motion made by Monahan, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

2. Receive & File Director's Reports – February, March & April 2023

Motion made by Monahan to receive and file the February, March & April 2023 Director's Reports, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

3. Aquatic Center Update

The pool was scheduled to open on May 27, 2023; however, due to a delay of plumbing installation for the new features and painting of the pool, opening date will now be Monday, May 29, 2023. The new features are scheduled to be delivered on May 24th or May 25th. The question was asked whether we'd be able to open if the features were not here. Huehnergath was unsure if this would be a possibility. Swimming lessons will begin June 5th – 8th.

4. Field of Dreams Tournaments

Field of Dreams Tournaments will start next weekend (May 27- 28) for 13/14 year olds. Our fields, Jenk Field and Beckman field will be used for these games. The following weekend it will really ramp up. Huehnergarth is hoping with additional summer staff it will go smoothly.

5. Field Updates

The City will be updating the batting cages with a concrete slab and turf grass. Heiar Fencing will be installing a fence above all the current fences at Commercial Club Park, 4 quadrants. Mark Fangmann has money to put towards netting and wants it to be done at Westside. Huehnergarth doesn't think it will look good. Scherrman is very concerned about people getting hit by foul balls in this area.

Huehnergarth has not had a lot of interest in Adult Softball. He has not put a lot of energy into this.

The commission agreed we do not want children that are three years old to play on the T-Ball league. These children are too young for this. They would possibly like to look at making 2 divisions with 4 & 5 year olds playing t-ball and 6 year olds playing coach pitch.

The commission agreed that having only one game an evening is great. In the past, we would often have two games a night and the second game would get rather late for the kids. It was also recommended that we sponsor a clinic for young umpires. This would make these kids more prepared and may also help us get more kids to be umpires.

8. River Town of the Year

Dyersville was named River Town of the Year. We will be awarded this recognition on May 31, 2023. This ceremony will take place at Vorwald Pedestrian Bridge and a reception will be held at Textile Brewing Company.

9. Soccer Updates

We are changing the 3rd/4th grade league to play 9 vs 9 players, they were playing 11 vs 11 players. 1st/2nd grade league were playing 11 vs 11 players. They are now playing 7 vs 7 players. Traveling leagues play 9 vs 9 players at this level. Our fields are too long. If the field is more square, it promotes passing and develops skills. Kids will get a lot more touches if playing 9 on 9. Making the field smaller will also allow us space to have another field.

Senior Soccer will include New Vienna, Guttenberg, Epworth, Farley, Cascade and 3 Dyersville teams. We will have a tournament this year.

10. Commission Member Comments

Scherrman passed on a message from Goldsmith that she wants to add a mini playground near ball fields at Westside so younger siblings can play there while their older sibling play baseball. She feels the area near the South side of the pavilion would be a good location.

11. Set next meeting date for July 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion made by Monahan, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

Sandy Oberbroeckling

May 17, 2023

Date