
MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Goldsmith at 6:04 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 Frye.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - November 13, 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 - October 2024

No comments.

3. Aquatic Center – Games

Huehnergath researched non-permanent recreation items for the grassy area that used to be a sand volleyball area. He wants fun recreational items to keep kids occupied and encourage them to stay at the pool longer. He was looking for items that are inexpensive and that would be good for children ages 6 - 10 years. The items that he found were: Shoot A Hoop, Ladder Toss, Tether Ball, Triple Shot, and Corn Hole. Huehnergath feels we would have room for 3 items. Some of the items can be made of concrete. This would make it so the items would not be moved or removed. Goldsmith asked about a volleyball square net. Huehnergath didn't think the netting would last very long. Goldsmith also asked about a 9 square game similar to one they have at Camp Little Cloud. Huehnergath wasn't sure you'd always have 9 kids that would want to play. All of the members thought that the Shoot A Hoop was a great idea and we should

purchase 2 of them. Ladder Toss was not recommended because they thought the kids might throw the balls on strings at other kids. The commission would like to get prices on Shoot A Hoop (2), corn hole, and 9 square. Huehnergath will have this for the next meeting.

4. Aquatic Center - Shade Structures

Huehnergath contacted the same company (Waterloo Shade) as they used for the canopy at Xavier Grade School for shade structures at the aquatic center. The representative from that company sent us a picture of the shade they thought would work best for our location. Depending on the cost, the members thought we should get 2. Unga asked how long they should last. Huehnergath thought they'd last a long time, maybe 10 – 15 years. We wouldn't be able to place them on the South side of the pool because it would interfere with the lifeguard's ability to see the full pool. We would need to place them on the West side of the pool to obtain the most shade. Unga asked about having cabanas. Would that be a better option? The commission wants to get a price on the shade structure, and would like to proceed on this item if the price is affordable.

5. Netting for Westside Ball Fields

Huehnergath supplied the commission with the cost of netting for the fields at Westside fields only. The original quote he received was \$120,000; therefore, he looked at a different company. The company would supply nets from dugout to dugout and would cost approximately \$39,000. An additional expense of \$14,400 would be needed for the backstop. This cost would not include the installation costs. Life expectancy is 10 years. Unga has seen this type of structure at other fields and the nets tend to get holes in them. The poles are the majority of the expense. Goldsmith asked if the Field of Dreams was going to contribute to the netting costs or if we have anyone else that would contribute. Huehnergath said that the Field of Dreams is not on board at this time to contribute. Goldsmith stated that we can't assume that they won't contribute. She had heard that they would. Huehnergath really thinks that it only affects city teams one day a summer. He said that the FOD tournaments would have more problems with foul balls because of the age groups. Frye thinks we need netting more at Commercial Club Park than anywhere else. We seem to be talking in circles about whether or not we need netting and whether we want to spend the money on it. Goldsmith feels that we have had enough complaints that they are warranted.

After much discussion, Scherbring asked about putting a roof made of either metal, wood, or shade material over the bleachers. This would protect spectators from foul balls, but would be much cheaper. Huehnergath said we didn't have anything in the FY2024 budget to spend. The commission thought this might be a better option. Frye also mentioned getting rid of the metal bleachers all together and building stadium seating. Pricing is needed to make a decision.

6. Commission Member Comments

Where are we at on the all-inclusive park and splash pad? Huehnergath mentioned that he thought it was going to happen in two phases. Goldsmith thought it would happen all at once. Goldsmith spoke with a plumber who said that we could tap in down there for the splash pad.

There are currently carved wooden statues down at Westside that should be looked at to make sure they are not rotting. They could fall over onto someone if they are rotting. Huehnergath will check on this.

7. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M. on a motion made by Unga, seconded by Frye.

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

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

December 11, 2024