



Minutes

February Park & Rec
20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein
February 17, 2020 - 5:15 PM

Call to Order Gearhart 5:18

Roll Call: Berryman, Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi, Stewart, Taylor

Attending: Berryman, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Stewart, Taylor

Absent: Burkhart, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Park and Rec meeting

Motion:Stewart 2nd: Berryman

Aye: All Nay: None

Guest: None

Trails Committee Update

Johnson met with Jon Biederman a couple of times this past month and went over the next segment of trail to be completed this season. The trails committee also met this month as they discussed their progress with trail work. Johnson showed the new website that he has been working on with trail donation information included. The committee talked about easements and future fundraising avenues to take. Johnson met with Kent Nelson this week as Johnson prepared a new presentation for Kent to take to Fidelity to propose a larger donation for trails. In their meeting, Kent explained to Johnson that Fidelity would be giving the City \$10k for trails, \$5k in 2020 and \$5k in 2021. Johnson told the board that he is working on the REAP grant for the City which is through the IDNR. This grant is a non-matching grant in which the City can receive up to \$100k.

Nicotine – Free Policy

1. Consideration of a motion approving 100% nicotine-free policy

Johnson told the board that he has talked with Ashley Havenstrite with Helping Services about a nicotine-free policy for parks and trails. Johnson stated that the policy includes all nicotine products including vaping and all other forms of smoking devices. Johnson stated that all persons are asked to extinguish and/or cease use of products before entering the property. The program provides 12” x 12” signage at no cost for the life of the program. Johnson explained that if the board approves this policy, it would go to council for a resolution to be passed which is a prerequisite for the program. Gearhart asked about adult softball league if it would cover them as well. Berryman motioned to pass with exception of camping and fishing areas like other communities have done with this program.

Motion:Berryman 2nd: Gearhart

Aye: All Nay: None

Woodlawn Sign

1. Consideration of a motion for final design layout of welcome sign

Johnson discussed with the board that he met with the donor and a contractor to discuss the outlay of the new sign. Johnson discussed that he wanted a low maintenance sign and the donor agreed

that wanted a clean appearance. Johnson showed pictures of existing welcome to Oelwein signs and it was agreed that the new sign would be similar to those signs without the pea gravel and plantings in front. The new sign will only have one column on the ends with caps on the top of the columns. The design may include two small pads in front or to the sides of the columns for two large pots for some flowers or flower box.

Motion: Taylor 2nd: Berryman

Aye: All Nay: None

Parks Report

The park department website is still a work in progress but will have our forms for departments on it and will be very user friendly. First aid kits at both the park maintenance shop and the cemetery. Jay has been continuing his efforts on truck maintenance and working on getting his certifications. The cemetery employees have been in to remove snow multiple times on city sidewalks. Jay went out Tuesday with a dozen work orders from City Hall to clear sidewalks on private properties who had not cleaned their sidewalks of snow yet.

The old yellow supervisor truck is not road worthy so the department is getting rid of that vehicle along with another truck. Johnson has been working on pool paperwork this past week updating information, times, and dates. Johnson also met with Matt Vogel this week for the annual meeting to go over coverage on buildings and equipment. Johnson was invited by the Masons group to come and talk to them this past month about the park department and go over some projects they have planned for this upcoming year. Johnson ordered the slide top canopy for the slide at the pool with the money we received from the RJ McElroy Foundation.

This week Johnson has been busy working on various grants. On Thursday, Johnson turned in the City application for the Paint Iowa Beautiful grant with Diamond Vogel paint. This grant will supply us enough paint to paint the 50 picnic tables and the shelter at the campground if the city if chosen. Johnson received an email from Upper Iowa University requesting a project for their Day of Caring, which will be in the end of April. Johnson sent out an outline for this painting project so the University can decide on this project. Johnson requested 30+ people for this project as it is a one-day event and there is a lot of painting to complete.

Johnson met with the pool managers this past week and went over some work on the new website. Johnson stated that Lisa Nolan would be returning to manage the facility once again along with Emily Woods directing swim lesson programs. Johnson stated that they are aggressively going after lifeguard recruitment this year. The managers are going to start knocking out dates for group and private lessons so we can get lesson forms on the website for this spring. At Woodlawn, Johnson stated that they have had seven burials and two cremations this year thus far.

Johnson showed the board six different design of children's slides for the aquatic center. Johnson explained that he would like to take the designs to the elementary schools and let the kids decide which slide design to get. Johnson would like the kids to bring a canned good to vote to donate to the local pantry and the class with the most-winning votes would receive a day pass to the pool this season.

Recreation Report: None

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment 5:55

Motion: Berryman 2nd: Stewart

Aye: All Nay: None

Next Meeting Date: 3-16-2020