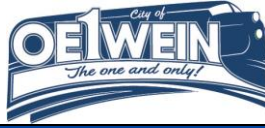




City of Oelwein
Park & Recreation Monthly Meeting
November 18th, 2019
5:15 PM
Location: City Hall

Call to order @ 5:14 by Gearhart

1. Roll Call – Berryman, Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi, Stewart, Taylor
2. Attending- Berryman, Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgenson, Meska, Stasi, Taylor
3. Absent- Stewart
4. Approval of the October 21st, 2019 minutes Meska motioned, Jorgenson 2nd, all aye
5. Dog Park Addition Presentation
Blake Thom's, Tyler Hosto and James Moses gave a senior seminar project presentation to the board about constructing two benches for the dog park. They gave a handout showing the layout of the two composite benches, where they would like to install them in the dog park and a timeline. Berryman told the boys he was impressed with their presentation. Taylor motioned, Berryman 2nd, all aye
6. Tree Board Update
Johnson stated that on October 31st that the Tee Board travelled to Cedar Falls to accept their volunteer award from Governor Kim Reynolds at the UNI campus. Johnson stated that he submitted the Arbor Day application for the Tree City Award for 2019 and submitted the Trees Forever grant for the next fiscal cycle. Johnson stated that the Tree Board planted 54 trees that they received from Trees Forever October 24th. The trees came from a \$5000 grant from Trees Forever to plant the trees in the street boulevard to replaced dead and dying ash trees and increase the urban tree canopy.
7. Trails Committee Update
Johnson stated that at Wings Park, the new bridge arrived on Tuesday October 22nd on a semi-trailer. Contractors are making progress with the trail extension at Wings Park as the bridge foundations are completed. Contractors are backfilling and placing erosion stone back around the area around foundations. The trails committee met the first week of November as we discussed future extensions, the current project and the Friends of the Trails progress. Engineer Jon Biederman attended this meeting as well and gave the committee his updates. Bridgework is being completed at Wings Park as they set the bridge on Saturday November 9th. The concrete trail has been poured from the pool bridge up to 50' from the bridge and have approximately 40' on the east side of the bridge completed as well.
8. Parks Report
Johnson explained that he had park employees finished work at the pool this season by wrapping the diving boards to protect them over the winter months. Tim Ledesma was



busy grinding stumps in the various parks from trees they took down the past season. In October, the park employees finished winterizing the campground by blowing out the water lines and painting the shower house floors with an epoxy paint. The park employees also finished painting the exterior of the shower house as well. Another bench was installed at the dog park inside the gated area to give patrons a place to sit while watching their dogs. The cemetery crew finished pouring foundations, pulling the forms and placing black dirt around the foundations. The cemetery employees were been busy chopping leaves, picking up garbage cans, bringing out grave heaters and propane trailers and installing t posts along the roads for snow removal purposes. Purchased new tires for the 2305 tractor as the old tire where worn.

Perkins and Johnson have been busy wrapping up some final tasks outside like cleaning the trails one last time as the weather has turned quick on us this year. They prepared the snow removal equipment so they are ready for the upcoming season. The employees brought all the mowers to the park maintenance shop to go over for the end of the season. Johnson reported that they received a \$5,000 grant from the RJ McElroy trust for umbrellas for the aquatic center. The money will be used to purchase slide top shade structure and some new umbrellas for the guard stands. Johnson reported that the school is starting the north Woodlawn entrance sign, as they had to purchase some equipment to make the long arching profile. Johnson stated that he raised the funds to pay for this sign and a new entrance sign. Johnson stated that the contractor started spading trees from the tree nursery to new locations this week.

9. Recreation Report

Burkhart stated that on Saturday they held the turkey shootout with 16 in attendance. They gave out gift cards and prizes for the event. Burkhart stated they held the weigh in for the hold the stuffing contest today so people can keep their weight the same over the holidays. Burkhart stated that they would not be open on Thanksgiving. Dodgeball concluded last week and volleyball is ongoing. Equipment was ordered for the wellness center – an elliptical, recumbent, and stair machine. Burkhart stated some cubbies where going to be built for a senior seminar project for the wellness center. Cold weather has increased attendance at the center adding more 6-month memberships where added.

10. Board Member Updates – None

11. Adjourn Jorgenson motioned at 5:43, Stasi 2nd, all aye

12. Next Meeting Monday January 20th 5:15 @ City Hall