

Park Board Minutes

Scheduled Meeting

January 4, 2021

The Parks and Recreation Board met on Monday January 4, 2021 at the Recreation Center at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Michelle Hastings- Chair, Tony Cornish, Steve Taylor, Sandy Still, Mary Grace Phillips, Ricky Overcast- Council Rep.

Other Attendees: Mike Alsup- Director, Trevor Freitas- Asst. Director, Frances Simpson

Agenda Item # 1 Roll Call

Agenda Item # 2 Consideration of Additional items to Agenda:

- No additional items for the agenda

Agenda Item # 3 Consideration of Minutes: November 2, 2020

- Sandy Still motion to approve
- Steve Taylor second the motion

Agenda Item # 4 Director's Report

- Mike reviewed the Director report for November and stated December report is still being worked on.
- Mike introduced Trevor Freitas as the new Assistant Director
- Mike stated the new Athletics Coordinator has been hired and started work today 1-4-2021.
- Mike stated Lauren Ball will be the new Head Swim Coach.
- Mike stated the Christmas, Thanksgiving, Story Time with Santa events were cancelled in programming this year due to COVID-19 guidelines.
- Mike reported the outdoor pump room project as been completed, and the Fire Department as been using outdoor pool deck for training.
- Sandy Still stated the indoor pool temperature needed to be increased. Mike stated the temps are in normal range at this time.

- Mike stated BB starts playing January 9, 2021 with Governors guidelines of restrictions of 10 ppl in group gatherings, and 2 ppl per child during games.
- Mike stated we have been doing ADA accessible updates to the softball restroom area to include concrete, doors, painting, and sinks. The updates should be completed prior to softball season.
- Mike stated there are several restrooms throughout the park that are not ADA compliant.
- Mike reported the Parks staff have put up Christmas lights since the last meeting and are beginning to take them back down.

Agenda Item # 5 Old Business

- A. Tre Stewart proposal update- Tre was not present at this meeting, but Mike stated he has asked Tre for operational cost.
- B. Playground Grant Process- Mike stated Parks & Recreation have been granted the BCBS grant to replace celebration station playground. Mike stated he is waiting on the paperwork from the State to start working on tearing down the celebration station. Michelle asked what the turn around time would be to get the playground rebuilt? Mike stated the celebration station would be removed by March. Mary Grace asked if disposal of the old wood would be an issue? Mike stated he is working with City Manager on disposal. Ricky asked if we could use some of the old wood, swings etc. at another location within the Parks? Mike stated there wouldn't be much to salvage from the celebration station.
- C. Parks & Recreation Center COVID-19 Response Update- Mike stated we are still operating to the same schedule that was updated in October, and are working within the guidelines for all areas within the facility.
- D. Systemwide Master Plan (facilities inventory, short & long term goals)- Mike stated the masterplan is not set-in stone it's just planning, and a lot of it comes from the 5yr benchmark. Mike encouraged Park Board members to look at all the parks to let us know if there's any programs or additional items they would like to see put in place. Ricky asked about the progress of the old cedar mill land? Mike stated the next step is to do soil samples before we can do anything with that land. Mike stated the soil samples have not been completed due to budget issues, but he would be putting soil samples in the 2021-2022 budget for approval. Ricky stated the Council is ready to give approval to see it cleaned up. Ricky stated he would assist in getting the process moving. Ricky also stated there was a soil sample done years ago prior to the purchase of the property. Mike stated he would do some research and follow up on the Cedar Mill property at the next meeting. Mike requested the members to go around the parks with the inventory and be specific about what is currently in the parks and return it to him.
- E. City Employee's room /pavilion rentals (1 per year no cost)- Mike reviewed the new policy with members and asked for their approval of the policy. Motion to approve given by Mary Grace Phillips, second given by Tony Cornish and unanimous decision from the present Park Board members.

Agenda Item # 6 New Business

- Sandy Still suggested doing memory trees or benches. Sandy stated people could donate money and Park staff could purchase trees to be planted in replace of trees that have to be cut down. Mike stated he preferred large trees. Mike suggested adding a kiosk for the memory display. Mike stated we would need anywhere between 50-100 trees. Michelle and Mary stated we needed to get it out in the community through times gazette, and maybe working with local funeral homes. Trevor stated Arbor Day will be April 30, 2021. Mike stated he will get the cost of trees from the local nurseries and plaques.

Agenda Item # 7 Additional Items to Agenda

- No additional items for agenda

Agenda Item # 8 Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn given by Tony Cornish
- Second by Steve Taylor

Minutes by Frances Simpson