

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

January 17, 2018

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:15 p.m., at Gates Memorial Hall 825 15th Street, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on January 16, 2018, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Glen Miller called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following named members were present and absent. Present: Glen Miller, Linda Griffith, Deb Parker, Karen Selby, Justin Gross. Absent: Laura Kiesling, Mark Cahill. Others present included: Tim Hansen, Rhonda Maier, and Erin Mousel

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Selby, to **approve the agenda**. After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby. Nays: none.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Griffith, to **approve the consent agenda**. After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby. Nays: none.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Fee Changes & Appropriate Follow-up

a. Aquatic Center & Pool Parties & Swim Lessons

We would like to change the rate for private pool parties and swim lessons to help offset wage increases for aquatic center staff. The current rate for a private pool party is \$200.00 (for 1.5 hours) and it is proposed to raise that rate to \$225.00. In addition, preschool and water basics swim lessons are \$27.00. We would like to raise that rate to \$30.00/participant.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Selby, to **approve the fee increase of private pool parties from \$200.00 to \$225.00 and the fee increase for swim lessons (except Parent/Child) from \$27.00 to \$30.00**. After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby, Gross. Nays: none.

b. Facility Use Fee for All Programs – Fall 2018

Currently, baseball/softball has a facility use fee (of \$5.00) in place and we would like to implement this with all of our programs, including football, volleyball, and basketball. Based on the discussion amongst the park board members, Parks staff will bring this item back to the table to provide some additional information about its potential uses as well as the name associated with the fee.

c. Establish Winter Rate for Cremation Grave Openings/Closings

We currently do not have a winter rate established for cremation grave openings/closings. All traditional burials have an additional cost associated with the openings/closings during the months of December – March because of the need to defrost the ground. There is time and supplies that go into doing this work for cremations. A \$50.00 increase has been proposed to help offset the costs associated with this.

Motion by Board Member Griffith, seconded by Board Member Gross, to **increase the rate for cremation openings/closings by \$50.00 for the months of December – March to help recover the costs.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby, Gross. Nays: none.

B. Discussion Regarding New Cemetery Section & Appropriate Follow-up.

a. Naming of New Section

Each section at the Cemetery has a name or number associated with it. There are markers in the Cemetery to refer to and we use the name or number in our records at the Sexton's house and the Parks & Rec office. Because there is a new section that has been laid out (along 1st Street), a name/number needs to be assigned to the section. After looking through a small list of suggestions, the board members agreed to name this new section "Sunrise".

Motion by Board Member Selby, seconded by Board Member Griffith, to **name the new section on the east side of the Cemetery, along 1st Street, Sunrise.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby, Gross. Nays: none.

b. Set Aside of Lots for Future columbarium and Walkway.

There is an area in the new section that we would like to set aside for a possible location of a columbarium(s). Due to the increase in cremation needs (roughly sixty percent of our burials are cremations), it is important to look to the future about where those burials can and will be. We would like to suggest setting aside a 36' x 30' area where we could potentially put a columbarium (or two). Depending on size, we could increase the number of niches to 100 or more. There would also be a path leading up to this area that would include in ground cremation spaces. These lots would be reserved for this purpose and not available for traditional burials. Lots 3G, 3H, 4A-4H, 5G, 5H.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Gross, to **reserve space in the new section (Sunrise) for an area for future columbarium(s) and/or cremation burials.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby, Gross. Nays: none.

C. Discussion and Appropriate Follow-up Regarding Cremation Only Lots in Block 18.

There is an area in the southeast corner of Block 18 consisting of approximately 90 spaces. This area in Block 18 is very challenging due to the uneven ground and terraces. Because of the difficulty staff has of getting equipment into this area and using it safely for a traditional burial, staff would like to establish the remaining spaces as cremation only spaces. There would be no price change, resizing of the spaces, etc.

Motion by Board Member Gross, seconded by Board Member Selby, to **reserve the rest of Block 18 for cremation spaces only.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby, Gross. Nays: none.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Tim Hansen reported on the following:

- The proposed high school baseball field is still moving forward.
 - Will be done in two phases – the field first; fencing, lights, bleachers, concession/restroom will follow).
 - Sanitary sewer will come from 19th Street.
- The Rec Center is still moving forward. Matt is still trying to collect all information.
- There has been additional interest in Pickle Ball.
 - We can add pickle ball court lines to two of the existing tennis courts for \$600.00.
- The budget is still being finalized.

Rhonda Maier reported on the following:

- Working with Melissa Johnson (Midwest Insurance) on getting liability insurance for CIRL.
 - CIRL had 247 teams in 2017
- Working on the CIRL website upgrade – will make it more mobile friendly.
- Going through summer applications.
- Ames CVB is bidding Quiddich for fall 2018.

OTHER:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Miller to adjourn. The roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Griffith, Parker, Selby. Nays: none. Whereupon the motion was declared and carried and at 6:29 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Erin Mousel, Secretary

Glen Miller, Chair