

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

July 15, 2020

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., at Gates Memorial Hall 825 15th Street, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on July 10, 2020, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Glen Miller called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. The following named members were present and absent. Present: Glen Miller, Deb Parker, Mark Cahill, Linda Griffith, Laura Kiesling, Tony Sneiderman. Absent: Karen Selby. Others present included: Tim Hansen, Rhonda Maier, Erin Mousel, Jordan Cook.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Griffith, 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, Parker, Cahill, Griffith, Kiesling, Sneiderman. 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, Parker, Cahill, Griffith, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fieldhouse Update & Appropriate Follow-Up.

Since the last meeting in March 2020:

- The silent campaign was slated to begin in March – it was put on hold due to COVID-19.
- Michelle Cassabaum made a couple of donor calls and stopped efforts because of COVID-19. She is keeping an eye on things and will pick up again when she sees fit.
- Plans are still moving forward – now looking at the interior components.
- The next meeting is July 21st, the flooring supplier will be in attendance.
- When fundraising is complete things should be ready to move forward.
- There are still concerns from a local gym with the multipurpose space.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Updated Soccer Club Agreement and Appropriate Follow-up.

The agreement with the Nevada Soccer Club has been updated and Tim has met with Brad Meinecke, Club President about the use of our facilities. Since this meeting the Soccer Club has elected a new president, Michael Davidson. The agreement would remain the same; however, Billy Sunday would be added as practice space, the space on the northeast side of SCORE would be removed from practice space (due to HS baseball field and proposed Fieldhouse), and the fee associated with the agreement would increase. Currently the Club is being charged \$4,000.00/year and in looking at expenses (breakdown included in packet) it is recommended to increase fees to

\$10,000.00/year. It is evident in years past that all of our maintenance costs have not been covered, and with a tighter budget, this needs to be addressed.

Motion by Board Member Kiesling, seconded by Board Member Griffith, to: **accept the updated Soccer Club agreement and increase their annual fee to \$10,000.00 per year.** 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, Parker, Cahill, Griffith, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

B. Request from Sue Whitaker for Refund of On-line Processing Fee for Seasonal Pool Pass and Appropriate Follow-up.

After refunds were issued for all baseball and softball programs, and all pool passes, Sue Whitaker requested a refund of \$3.26. This fee is a nonrefundable processing fee that ABC Sportcamps kept from her online registration. It is a 5.75% fee assessed to all registrations, none of which were returned in the refund process. It is not a requirement to use online registration, people can and do bring payment into the Parks & Recreation office; however, Sue was under the impression this was the only means of payment. Since her refund request was made, Sue now knows she can come to the office to make her payment at any time. Because of this, the Park Board is in agreement that no changes be made to how the process was done and no refund be given.

C. Discussion Regarding Removal of Sand Volleyball Court at Harrington Park and Appropriate Follow-up.

Harrington Park has a sand volleyball court on the North side of the shelter, that has virtually no use on it. Because of this it can be difficult to maintain. It has been recommended that the court be removed and the area be seeded with grass. There is a sand volleyball court at the aquatic center that has recently had sand added to it and a new net and is in great condition.

Motion by Board Member Cahill, seconded by Board Member Kiesling, to: **remove the sand volleyball court at Harrington Park and seed the area with grass.** 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, Parker, Cahill, Griffith, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

D. Discussion Regarding Park Set-a-Side Requirement for West F Subdivision and Appropriate Follow-up.

There will be a new subdivision in the West industrial park. It is located on West F, just off airport road. The developer, Matt Runge, owner of On-Track Construction, is required to meet the park set-a-side requirement, which is 5% of the land being subdivided or the cash value in lieu of the land. Because this development is in an industrial park there is no need/want for a park in this area; instead, Mr. Runge has requested to do in-kind services rather than pay cash. Tim and Shawn Cole met with Mr. Runge at Billy Sunday Field and proposed the removal of the field lights, dugouts, pressbox, scoreboard, bull pen fencing, infield and warning track surfacing, and replacing the infield and warning track area with black dirt. He agreed to all of this and will be preparing a proposal for review and consideration. The City Attorney will also review the proposal.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Tim Hansen reported on the following:

- DNR had 3 staff in Nevada doing fish sampling in 3 of our ponds (2 ponds at SCORE and the Wilson pond) as part of Fish Local Promotion

- Pavilion pond had bluegill, goldfish, tadpoles, & bullfrogs (10'-14' deep)
- East SCORE pond had bass and bluegill (16' deep in the middle)
- Wilson pond has carp and sunfish (8'-14' deep)
- Bass were added to the Pavilion pond from East Score
- Potentially they may put catfish in the ponds at no charge
- Tree inventory has been updated
- Continued work on SRF project
- Top dressing playgrounds
- Looking into foul ball protection at SCORE

Rhonda Maier reported on the following:

- Small group BB/SB, kick ball, and kids camp have gone really well
- Pool is full and staff is working to figure out why we're still losing water
- There are some additional pool repairs
- Met with league contacts regarding fall programming
 - Want to move forward with planning a fall program
 - Nothing would start until at least a week after school starts
 - Community only competition until September (pending things stay safe)
 - Dates are solidified
- New waiver form for youth activities

OTHER:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Sneiderman to adjourn. The roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Parker, Cahill, Griffith, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none. Whereupon the motion was declared and carried and at 6:31 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Erin Mousel, Secretary

Glen Miller, Chairperson