

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
September 15, 2021

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:15 p.m., at City Hall 1209 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on September 9, 2021, 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, Deb Parker, Linda Griffith, Mark Cahill, Tony Sneiderman. Absent: Karen Selby, Laura Kiesling. Others present included: Tim Hansen, Rhonda Maier, Erin Mousel.

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Field House & Appropriate Follow-Up.
- CAT grant was submitted August 27th.
 - The Foundation was invited to make a presentation to Enhance Iowa on October 7th.
 - Plan to apply for the Story County Community Foundation Grant – a \$25,000 grant. Three different organizations will be submitting applications. It will be specifically targeted toward indoor playground equipment.
 - The Foundation is working to wrap up the public phase of the fundraising campaign.
 - Hope to have a public celebration on Nov 9th.
 - Signs will be placed at SCORE to visualize location.
 - Currently over the \$6.3 million mark.
 - City Council approved an additional \$700,000 for contingency costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation of Eagle Scout Project (Ryan Wessels) and Appropriate Follow-up.

- Ryan is a Life Scout working toward his Eagle Scout in Troup 128.
- His project involves making improvements to the Wilson Pond:
 - Clearing brush from north side (open to more people)
 - Add permanent dock - will not need to be taken out in winter and will be ADA accessible
 - Will coordinate with the DNR to stock the pond with fish.
- After approval from the Park Board, Ryan will seek approval from the Scouting Board.
- Plans to apply for the Story County Community Grant.
- Estimates \$2500 cost for his project. Financially, if the grant is not sufficient to cover the project cost, the board would urge him to return for some additional funding.
- Benefits: more enjoyable and safe activity for community. Increase use of trail. More opportunities outdoors.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Sneiderman, to **approve Ryan Wessels' Eagle Scout Project to make improvements to the Wilson Pond.** 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, Griffith, Cahill, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

B. Review Fence Quotes for Billy Sunday Field and Appropriate Follow-up.

OnTrack Construction has been working to get things cleared out of Billy Sunday Field. The areas where the dugouts were located still need to be closed off with fencing. Bids were sent to Midwest Fence & Gate Company, Des Moines Steel Fence Co., and The Door and Fence Store. Midwest Fence and Gate submitted the lowest bid at \$4945.78. We have worked with Midwest Fence and Gate on numerous projects, with no issues. They will do their best to use all of the materials remaining. The funds are available for this project.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Griffith, to **accept the bid from Midwest Fence & Gate Company, in the amount of \$4,945.78, to install remaining fence at Billy Sunday Field.** 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, Griffith, Cahill, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

C. Discuss Pavilion Rental Rates/Options and Appropriate Follow-up.

The majority of people renting the Pavilion are renting the venue for half-days; however, they're coming in early and/or staying late – often times bringing items in the day/night before their reservation. Therefore, staff would like to look at simplifying the pavilion rental options by eliminating half-day rentals. The Pavilion would only be available for rental on a full-day basis. Monday – Thursday at a rate of \$150.00/day and Friday – Sunday at a rate of \$300.00/day. Payment would be required in full at the time of reservation, and if a cancellation was made prior to 60 days, half of the rental fee would

be refunded. Staff would also like to look into getting a lock for the door with a code or fob, eliminating the opportunity for early entry to the building.

Motion by Board Member Cahill, seconded by Board Member Griffith, to **eliminate the half-day rental option at the Pavilion, starting January 2022.** 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, Griffith, Cahill, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

D. Discussion Regarding Boys/Girls Club Request for Permanent Basketball Hoop at Kiwanis Park and Appropriate Follow-up.

The Boys and Girls club is currently in discussion with Memorial Lutheran Church about a permanent hoop option. The church is concerned with winter weather snow removal if something permanent was in place. This discussion will be tabled for the time being.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Tim Hansen reported on the following:

- SRF sponsored project: Funds the City was awarded off interest from grant money received. Roughly \$3 million dollars should go toward water improvements. HRG is working to put plans together. The top priority will be West Indian Creek. There will also be attention placed on work at SCORE and work on the trail between 11th and 8th street.
- Cemetery mapping continues to move forward. Engineers have a base map. They have blocks completed and are working on individual spaces. They also have photos of each headstone. Will plan to meet with them to keep progressing.
- We received a grant from DNR to go toward replacing trees lost during the derecho. \$4975.00 was awarded and will be matched by the City for a total of \$9,950.00 - 69 trees will be purchased. Jayson has talked to Kevin Cooper with Nevada FFA, who plans to have students assist with the tree planting. Trees will be planted at Harrington Park, Score, and west of Billy Sunday.
- Disc golf course: Evening Rotary is interested in helping to raise funds, specifically Steve Skaggs (Almaco) and Brandon Sills (Blackbird).
- Hattery Shelter: met with HRG, they'll put together a plan and specs so bids can be sent out. Plan to look at steel shelter and cost. FEMA will help if the improvement is within 15% of the original project replacement cost. Hope to have numbers back this winter and get things moving forward in the spring.
- Vision 2040 – still ongoing. Meeting late fall to work on finalization. Many recreation items are included – namely trail improvements. Jordan wants each city department to come up with a 5 year plan.

Rhonda Maier reported on the following:

- Pool – reviewed 2021 summary

- 84 day season – closed 4 days
- Did a season extension – extra 2 weeks (no weekends) – it worked well.
- Employed 38 people
- Swim lessons – extremely successful – only allow registration for 1 session at a time.
- Numerous out of town people registered – aim to ensure local people are able to have the option to register first.
- Need more younger levels, i.e. parent/child and preschool
- Attendance – June starts high and attendance lessens at the season goes on
- Senior thanksgiving luncheon
 - Gates Hall is reserved for 2021
 - Auditorium and kitchen only (no South Room)
 - Dine-in and curbside pick-up will be offered.

OTHER:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board Member Griffith, seconded by Board Member Cahill to adjourn. The roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Parker, Griffith, Cahill, Sneiderman. Nays: none. Whereupon the motion was declared and carried and at 6:11 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Erin Mousel, Secretary

Glen Miller, Chair Person