

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
November 17, 2021

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:15 p.m., at City Hall 1209 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on November 15, 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, Karen Selby, Laura Kiesling, Tony Sneiderman. Absent: Mark Cahill. Others present included: Tim Hansen, Rhonda Maier, Erin Mousel.

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, Griffith, Selby, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Field House & Appropriate Follow-Up.
- Ground breaking for the Field House was Wednesday, November 10th.
 - Hope to hear back on CAT Grant in early December. Confident the original amount requested will not be awarded, but hoping for about \$500,000.
 - There is still work to do. Tim & Rhonda met with RMH to discuss different options about value engineering.
 - Plan to remove a number of windows.
 - Can possibly take out the split-faced brick planned for the front of the building and do steel only.
 - Considering pulling out sports equipment and bidding it separately to lower costs and by-pass contractor mark-up. This equipment would then be an add-alternate in the bidding process.
 - Plan to put bid documents out by the middle of January.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Review Draft Information for Departmental Plan and Discuss Goals for the Next 3-5 Years and Appropriate Follow-up.

The Board listened while Tim and Rhonda broke down all aspects of the Parks & Rec Department and discussed what the future holds. Some of the items are identified below:

- New Master Plan: would include complete evaluation of our park system and would give recommendations for improvements and future growth. It would include all parks, trails, cemetery and programming.
- Cemetery: working to continue moving forward with GIS (mapping system), planning for additional columbarium spaces, and additional aesthetics.
- Parks: EAB removal and replacement program as well as monitoring/improvements at each park.
- Parks Maintenance Facility: shop expansion.
- Aquatic Center: replace playground equipment, splash pad
- Field House: construction and completion.
- SCORE: security cameras, FOB system for Pavilion, plus additional improvements.
- Additional items include: dog park, City Hall landscaping, work along the trail, additional landscaping, seating areas in parks, and more trees.
- Programming was also discussed. Current programming will continue, but the hope is to greatly increased options for all ages after the Field House is complete.
- Paved parking areas at Hattery and Mardean.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Tim Hansen reported on the following:

- Ryan Wessels applied for and was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant for the work he plans to do at the Wilson Pond for his Egel Scout Project.
- Tim will do some planning with Ryan this winter, and hope to start work on the project in the spring/summer 2022.

Rhonda Maier reported on the following:

- Senior Thanksgiving luncheon is planned for 11/23.
- Currently sitting at 170 reservations.
- 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 Parker to adjourn. The roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Miller, Parker, Griffith, Selby, Kiesling, Sneiderman. Nays: none. Whereupon the motion was declared and carried and at 7:09 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Erin Mousel, Secretary

Glen Miller, Chair Person