July 22, 2019 Park & Recreation Minutes


1. Call to Order.
Call to order at 6:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 24, 2019
Peters motioned, seconded by Broding to approve as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

3. New Business
   A) Eagle Scout Proposal
   Alex Nutt, Princeton Boy Scout, presented a proposal to construct a Ga Ga Ball pit within the City's park system. Mr. Nutt has the funding secured. The pit would be constructed of treated wood and have wash sand for the floor. People would supply their own ball, similar to the use of basketball courts. Vita and Strandberg informed that their children play Ga Ga Ball and enjoy the game. Vita stated it will be a great addition to the Princeton park system. Broding recommended a sign informing on the game as it is new and some people may not know what to do within the pit. Locations were discussed.

   Motion by Vita, seconded by Strandberg to accept the project presented by Boy Scout Nutt. The location to be at Rainbow Park. Nutt is to work with Mr. Gerold on the exact location with in the park.

4. Reports by Staff
   A. Mark Park
      1) Outfield Fence Replacement on Field #1
      Gerold has received quotes for the replacement of the fence. The School District informed that they will pay for a portion of the costs of the replacement. Gerold anticipates replacement to take place end of August/Beginning of September.

      Mark Park also hosts a large tournament last weekend. It is expected to be an annual event.

      Gerold informed that the north parking lot will be paved soon.

   B. Splash Park
      Gerold stated that it is running and no issues exist.

   C. Riverside Park.
      Gerold discussed a proposal by City Administration on online reservations. Considerable conversation took place on the pros and cons of an online reservation system. Items discussed included: the progressed pay related to days staying at park; lack of availability of the internet to all people; the park is under construction; current and known policy is first come – new system does not support this policy; lack of references of the online provider; lack of plan if a double-booking or no booking occurs; and additional fees.

      Motion by Broding, seconded by Strandberg to inform the City Council that the Park Board is
not opposed to an online system to be revisited after construction of the park is complete and that the Park Board upon the revisiting will be presented with research and references from other cities on the online system as we require of all projects. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Rainbow Park
Vita commented on the very nice addition that the picnic shelter brings to the park and park system. Huge progress on the park over the years. Broding inquired to a protectant to the concrete to easily clean graffiti. Gerold is working to complete.

E. Riebe Park
Gerold is working on the project management on the new amenities that will be installed.

The Park Board discussed a celebration after the amenities are installed to celebrate the new amenities.

F. Pioneer Park
Gerold informed that the ADA ramps have had maintenance performed.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park
No update.

H. Civic Center Park
1) Pickleball
Gerold presented the memo on Pickleball equipment. The memo states that the equipment will be stored at the Splash Park to be checked by interested parties until another location is determined. Strandberg inquired to what other cities do in similar situations. Vita, whom works for a different city, informed that equipment is checked in and out at City Hall. The City she works for has a high commuter rate and people work with their personal schedules to pick up equipment.

Motion by Strandberg, seconded by Vita to have pickleball equipment stored at City Hall and checked in and out at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business
None

6. Miscellaneous
August meeting shall be held at Veteran's Park. In case of in-climate weather, the meeting will be held at the picnic shelter at Mark Park.

7. Adjourn
Motion by Strandberg, second by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.