January 28, 2019 Park & Recreation Minutes


1. Call to Order/Oath of Office/Election of Officers
Call to order at 6:00pm

Oath of Office taken by Jacquilien Strandberg, Blake Broding and Dan Voce.

Chair: Nomination by Vita, seconded by Broding to nominate Papesh for Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair: Nomination by Vita, seconded by Koenen to nominate Broding for Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary: Nomination by Koenen, seconded by Voce to nominate Vita for Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018
Broding motioned, seconded by Koenen to approve as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. New Business
Hillesheim discussed the franchise fee history. The fee is for trail and park improvements. Hillesheim is working on a Outdoor recreation grant thru the DNR for $147,000 in grant funds. For matching funds, $6000 has already been donated by the Rotary and $2500 from the City. Vita questioned where the difference in the match will be allocated. Gerold stated that staff plans to allocate franchise fees and CIP for these improvements, not park dedication for the Riverside/Reibe improvements.

Hillesheim stated that staff anticipates that donations for picnic tables and benches will occur.

Hillesheim stated that she submitted approvals from the DNR for the fishing pier. Staff believes that the DNR will approve the request as the footings for the pier are already in place. The dock will float. The DNR will match the City's contribution of the cost.

Hillesheim stated that the fishing pier will be a benefit to the park and the downtown. Papesh inquired to the plan should the DNR not approve the pier. Gerold stated that they would re-apply.

Vita motioned, seconded by Koenen to recommend that the City apply for the $147,000 in DNR grant funds for improvements for Reibe and Riverside parks. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports by Staff
A. Mark Park
Koenen stated that the holes for the batting cages were dug.

Discussion on signs to prevent people from leaving pet droppings on the Mark Park fields.

B. Splash Park
No update.

C. Riverside Park.
Gerold informed that public works is working on camping site to ensure that each has water and sewer. Gerold informed on the new layout that was approved by the Park Board in 2018.

Broding inquired to overflow parking. Gerold stated that overflow parking exists below Pizza Pub. Koenen stated that the parking lot ought to be signed to inform of overflow parking. Gerold stated that the sign needs to be discussed in the future.

D. Rainbow Park
Gerold informed that a youth group will be trimming trees.

E. Riebe Park
Koenen stated that the home owner to the east of the park inquired to the City installing a fence between the properties. Gerold stated that this matter should be requested by the property owner to the City.

F. Pioneer Park
Gerold informed that trails have been groomed. Voce informed that the Middle School is investigating outdoor classrooms. He is researching a DNR grant to complete this action. He would like trails to the river for science classes. Gerold informed that students could assist on riverbank clean-up.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park
Gerold is working to remove prickly ash.

H. Civic Center Park
Gerold informed that the ice rink is operational. Gerold informed that groups that want to use the warming house need to inquire with City Hall.

5. Old Business
Broding inquired to a 2019 campground host. Gerold is working to find an interested party.

6. Miscellaneous
Vita inquired to whether the Splash Park will have a presence at the Business Expo. Gerold stated that they will and Park Board members are asked to volunteer at the booth. It is 9am to noon at the High School.

7. Adjourn
Motion by Vita, second by Brodgin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.