February 25, 2019 Park & Recreation Minutes


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

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 28, 2019
Peters motioned, seconded by Voce to approve with the following that was not inserted from the January minutes:
“New Business:
Brian Dorr was present and is requesting the Park & Rec Board consider adding Pickleball to the park systems. He stated that right now they are playing indoors at the elementary school but would like to play outdoors in the warmer months. He is aware that the Civic Center will have Pickleball but stated he is wondering if it’s possible to stripe the basketball concrete slab in Mark Park? Another suggestion was playing at the tennis courts at the middle school. He stated they have several teams that play currently and are looking into a tournament this summer. He stated they need a flat surface and thought stripping would be all that is required as they (those who play) would bring their own equipment. Since this is a need for summer, we let him know we would discuss it upon have a quorum and get back to him. He said he saw that we had a meeting tonight and just wanted to come and see if it would be of interest to the board as he feels it’s a growing activity in the area.”

Motion carried 6-0.

3. New Business
Gerold informed that the pickleball plan is to paint the Civic Center Courts to allow for the use. Papesh requested that Dorr be invited to the March Park & Recreation meeting for further dialogue on the matter.

4. Reports by Staff
A. Mark Park
Gerold informed a complaint was received that the park is not plowed. The park has not been plowed for 7 to 8 years as the park does not support winter sports.

B. Splash Park
LeAnn, the manager, has resigned. He spouse has worked at the park for many years and will be promoted to the manager. The manager received a stipend of 10% of ticket sales. City Council to approve the transition at their March meeting. Otherwise no updates.

C. Riverside Park.
Gerold gave his concern on spring flooding due to the substantial snow. He is looking for electricians to assist in wiring the campsites.

D. Rainbow Park
Gerold stated that he is using the park for snow storage due to the lack of space with the high amount of snow totals.
Papesh requested a cone on the bench to try to prevent the bench getting destroyed. Gerold will complete the action.

E. Riebe Park
Gerold is looking for a more permanent toilet options for the park.

F. Pioneer Park
Gerold cannot remove the buckthorne and prickley ash due to the high snow levels. Papesh inquired to the kids that were going to prune. Bob informed that the kids cut in Mark Park. They worked for 3 hours. The kids are interested in coming back to prune more. Gerold stated that he also is offering to clean the flower beds in the city. Conversation on how great it is when kids invest in their City.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park
Voce inquired to the location and size of the park. Gerold stated that the park is 39 acres on the south side of 12th Street No. The entrance is between two homes. Great park for walking and hiking.

H. Civic Center Park
Gerold informed that the ice rink is getting use. Public works plows and monitors ice condition.

5. Old Business
Gerold discussed the plan changes for the Great Northern trail location. Many Ash trees south of the High School will be removed for the trail. The current plan is April 1, 2019 for the openings of the bids. June 1, 2019 construction to start. Vita requested a ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting for the projects. Vita also requested if Voce could coordinate to have kids at both events.

6. Miscellaneous
Gerold informed that Hillesheim is submitting the DNR grant shortly.

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