September 23, 2019 Park & Recreation Minutes

Park Board Members Present: Blake Broding, Jill Papesh, Robert Peters, Dan Voce, and Carla Vita.
Others: Bob Gerold Absent: Travis Koenen, Jacquilien Strandberg, and Jules Zimmer

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

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019
Broding motioned, seconded by Voce to approve as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

3. New Business
   A. Dog Waste Station
      Gerold informed that the City has one dog park in which the waste station is located. The question arose if other parks ought to have similar dog waste stations. Discussion on where dogs are allowed and not allowed in parks. Few complaints have been submitted on dog waste. Voce motioned to table the matter until the party to present the matter appears before the Park Commission. Motion carried by consensus.

4. Reports by Staff
   A. Mark Park
      Gerold informed that solar lights have been installed at all the batting cages by the electric utility. Gerold stated that budgeting for the 2020 park budget has begun. Water, fertilizer, maintenance, etc. have all increased. After significant discussion on inflation, budgeting, etc a motion was made by Peters, seconded by Broding to increase the fee to use the softball fields from $4000 to $4500 for 2020. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Voce abstaining due to a conflict of interest as a school employee.)

   B. Splash Park
      Gerold stated that the splash pad is winterized.

   C. Riverside Park
      Gerold indicated that the campground is being utilized. The campground is scheduled for closure on October 1. Canoeing and kayaking has also closed for the season. Voce requested that staff bring the usage numbers for the canoe and kayaks to the next Park Commission meeting.

      Gerold informed that the Public Works Department created an eight foot sized cribbage board. Pegs for the board are located at the park.

      Gerold informed that some work will take place on the fishing pier and dock yet this fall.

   D. Rainbow Park
      Gerold informed that the park is doing well and that Mrs. Strandberg's students planted trees within the park. Park Board was delighted to have student involvement in the plantings.

   E. Riebe Park
      Gerold informed that his department cut considerable blackthorn and prickly ash. Gerold is working towards a topo of the park. Voce informed that the Princeton Lion's are interested in assisting with the park and requested to meet with Gerold on how the Lions can further assist
with park improvement efforts.

F. Pioneer Park
   Gerold discussed the streambank project. Voce stated that the Middle School received a
   $10,000 grant for outdoor classrooms. The classrooms will need outdoor seating. Voce and
   Gerold plan to work together on a trail for the classrooms.

G. Riverview Terrace Nature Park
   Gerold stated that not much has changed since the Park Board last met.

H. Civic Center Park
   Broding showed a possible box for pickleball equipment storage. Discussion on locks, costs, etc.
   Peters stated that the painting that occurred at the park looks great.

5. Old Business
   Ground-breaking of the trail took place.

6. Miscellaneous
   None.

7. Adjourn
   Motion by Voce, second by Peters to adjourn at 6:50pm. Motion carried unanimously.