

Minutes for Parks and Recreation Commission 10/20/20

In attendance: Jared Mull, Mandi Bentley, Dan Hein, Wayne Rundell, Bob Hurring, Wyn Birkenthal, Greg Cochran

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1) Welcome: Dan Hein
- 2) Approval of August minutes: Wayne made a motion; Bob 2nd and all other members were in favor.
- 3) No public comment was given
- 4) Old business (Jared Mull)
 - a. Park projects
 - i. Pickleball courts: We are currently working with the company on water issues with the court. The pickleball users have been made aware of the delay and Jared will keep them updated as needed.
 - b. Master Plan update: Jared presented several options for the commission to vote on regarding the next step to master plan the new park. The quote from Alfred Benesch & Co came back over budget. Due to it being over budget, there needs to be discussion and a recommendation on the next step.
 - i. Option 1: The county commissioners received the proposal from Benesch, and unanimously approved to go with this proposal as long as we stay within the \$35,000 budget. This excludes \$22 - \$25 thousand for topographic survey as well as \$2,500 for wetland investigation.
 - ii. Option 2: Includes going with option 1 in addition to possibly receiving NCOHAC grant for \$100,000. This grant would cover topographic survey and streambank investigation plus other park amenities at the fitness course.
 - iii. Option 3: Includes not making a decision on the next step for the RFQ until Jared hears back from grant writers. This should be within the next 14 days.
 - iv. Option 4: Jared can reach out to other consultants and quote the whole project to be inclusive of everything.
 - c. Discussion: Wyn does not recommend option 4. Dan, Bob, and Wayne all recommend option 3. **Decision:** Once Jared hears back from grant, he will relay the information to the board, and they will decide via email correspondence.
 - a. Park projects
- 5) New Business
 - a. YWCA grant: Jared applied for a \$100,000 grant and the department was selected as a recipient. This money will help offset some full and part time wages.
 - b. Recreation report:
 - i. **Fall camp** – Continuing on Monday – Friday through December 18th.
 - ii. Upcoming programs: Spots are beginning to fill up. **Indoor Fun Play:** Monday and Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30 \$2 fee with pre-registration encouraged. **Youth Dodgeball:** Mondays 3:30 – 5pm for 8-12 \$30. **Youth Kickball:** Tuesdays 5 – 6:30

for 8-12 \$30. Youth **Wiffleball**: Wednesday 5:30 for 6-12 \$30 on softball field 2.

Youth Volleyball skills: Monday nights 5:30 – 7 for 3rd – 6th grade.

- iii. All programs will be following NCDHHS guidelines. We will be checking temperatures before each program. All kids' hands must be washed before play. For Indoor Fun Play, parents/guardians must wear a mask and get temperature checked as well. Limit for participants in this program is 15. Indoors, programs are limited to 25 people and outdoor will have a max of 30 participants.
 - iv. **Silvermont**: Slow start up for programs November 2nd including WCCA lunch plus program.
- c. Director update:
- i. The Recreation department is beginning to take baby steps to open slowly with different programs
 - ii. For the next 5 Saturdays, staff will be working and cleaning restrooms at so TYSA and softball can play.
 - iii. At the November meeting, dinner will be provided.
- 6) Member Comments: Dan gave thanks to Recreation staff for being flexible with work during this time. Bob asked if Mountain Music at Silvermont would be returning soon. Jared said that it will not be in the near future. Greg asked if Christmas in the Park was happening this year. Jared said that unfortunately it will not be due to the current restrictions in place.
- 7) Adjournment: Dan made a motion to adjourn, Greg 2nd, all members were in favor.