



Forest City

PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2023, 5.30PM
Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Mike Johnson, Maurie Tomke, & Linda Keifer. Also present were: Rec Superintendent, Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent, Todd Espeland.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion made by Keifer. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Continued Discussion Regarding Parks' Capital Budget Plan

- Todd presented Capital Planning for fiscal year '23/'24
- Projects Highlighted
 - Shade Canopies for Pammel Park north field dugouts
 - Aquatic Center Sign Landscaping
 - Sand Point well installation at the Dog Park
 - Clark's Woods/Pammel Park/Thomas Barse Tree and Brush Cleanup
 - Concrete or Asphalt path to dog park from parking area
- Equipment – on schedule to replace 2018 John Deere 1585 Front Mount mower

Aquatic Center Walking Path

- Project was put on hold due to possibility of B Street extension project
 - Concern was expressed due to immediate funding opportunities
 - Todd shared the quote from River City Fence to relocate some of the existing fence to accommodate the new trail. \$9,472.00
 - Todd will discuss with City Administrator and Street Superintendent for options to keep this project going

Park Board Commissioners

- The process of replacing a resigning member was discussed
 - Persons of interest are discussed and given to City Council for appointment
 - 2 names were discussed and Sue will give a couple more via email for Board review within 1 week
 - The Board will choose one for recommendation to City Council prior to the March 6, 2023 regular meeting.
- Discussion regarding Chairperson Vacancy
 - Board members will select at the March meeting
 - New Chairperson will update information for ESPN Fund checking account and Northeast Iowa Foundation as point of contact

Other New Business

- None

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- Civic Auditorium Electrical Upgrade
 - Nelsons are eliminating putting in a new distribution panel and keeping the main disconnect for safety and fire purposes.
 - Lights are currently on breakers and would be converted to switches
 - Cleanup of electrical panels
 - \$9,900 Quote from Nelson Plumbing and Heating
- Alumni Basketball Tournament
 - Tournament and signup information will go out next week for the 35th Annual
 - A Spot Shot Contest will be held in all gyms for the 3 divisions to celebrate the 35th year of the tournament
- Summer SB/BB Programs
 - League and signup information will go out in late February
 - Signup will be March 1st - March 24th
- Valentine's Day Party
 - Very successful – great time had by all
 - Approximately 130 in attendance, grades 1st - 6th
- Men's Drop-In Basketball
 - Sunday's at 3:30
 - 20-25 participants
- Discussion of hand-held whistles and basketball nets

Park Report, Todd

- Winnebago River Revitalization Project Update
 - Waiting to hear back from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding grant award
 - Army Corps of Engineers granted permits for the project
- Neighborhood Forest Initiative
 - A collaborative with FC Parks Dept., YMCA, Rotary, and Winnebago Ind.
 - The Minnesota based program supplies seedling trees for youth to plant in the community
 - Discussion of where to plant trees – Todd has some concern as to locations available in the parks. Potentially have trees available to community residents and local youth would plant
 - The goal of the collaborative is to plant on or around Earth Day, April 22.
- Rotary Projects in the Parks
 - Todd has been asked by the Rotary Club to give them some potential projects that they could help with.
 - Potential projects include, Dog Park Well, Shade Canopies in Dugouts, and Landscaping around the Aquatic Center Sign
- Summer of '22 Graffiti Vandalism
 - The FCPD informed Todd that they have evidence of an individual's involvement.
 - Todd gave a list of damage costs to the FCPD

ESPN Fund

- A deposit of \$1,297.10 was made on Jan 6, 2023
- Total balance of \$37,262.87

Other Old Business

- Visioning (Projects that were discussed in February meeting were ranked)
 1. Campground RR/Shower House
 2. Lifeguard Recruitment
 3. Swimming Pool Trail
 4. Ball Fields
 5. Tennis/Pickleball Courts
 6. Bike Trails
 7. Trail Head for river activities

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Motion by Tomke. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.