



Forest City

PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022, 5.30PM
Civic Stage

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Maurie Tomke, & Linda Keifer. Also present were: Rec Superintendent, Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent, Todd Espeland, Chamber Director, Norma Hertzler, and guest Todd Kleveland. Absent: Jen Conrad, and Board Member Mike Johnson

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Correction was made by Reynolds: Change “Damn Update” in the Parks’ report to “Winnebago River Revitalization Project”...Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hanson Trail Head (with guest Todd Kleveland on land purchase proposal)

- Todd Kleveland spoke regarding interest in purchasing a portion of land at the Hanson Trail Head
- His son owns a lawn care business and he resides at the adjacent property to the west and would like more room to expand the business
- The minimum amount of land needed would be enough to add another stall on existing garage and maximum amount would be the west 60’ of the trail head property
- Chairman Reece said the Board would consider an offer but wants to include all Board members on a decision and will discuss further at the October meeting with a walk-about at the property

Pammel Park Campground Discussion (Fee Increase & tents)

- Todd asked for discussion on increasing fees starting Spring ‘23
- Discussion of the length of time with no increase since the electrical hook-ups improvement
- Recommended to increase to \$25/night from the current \$15/night
- Also recommended a 3-day limit for tents to reduce the stress on grass

Norma Hertzler on Aquatic Center Trail Concept

- The Board discussed a need for a walking trail to extend from the south end of the Boman Park trail to the Aquatic Center due to safety concerns of the current walking on the road
- Norma presented a “soft” estimate of \$52,000 for 541’ x 10’ asphalt trail
- The existing border fence would need to be moved...Todd will contact River City Fence for a quote

- Norma also proposed two routes to extend a trail from the south side of the Aquatic Center to either Park Street or South 7th street for connectivity
- The Board expressed interest of the 7th street option. Norma will continue to work on this project
- The timeline of this project would be spring and/or fall of '23

Community Awards Luncheon - October 12

- Discussion and Nominations of candidates for the Gaylord Wooge Service Award
- A vote was held
- Sue will order the plaques

Other New Business

- None

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- Soccer
 - Discussion about the coaching change
 - 90 kids signed up (ages 4-11)
 - The first week was canceled due to weather but there will still be 5 weeks
- Pool Pumps
 - Sue explained that there are 4 pumps that need to be inspected and/or rebuilt this fall/winter
 - Mark Pleva and Nelson Plumbing/Heating are willing to help
- Pool Sandblasting/Resurfacing
 - Approximately \$100,000 project
 - The current surface is deteriorating
 - The Board would like to look into patching where possible to buy time for budgeting
- Volleyball League
 - 40 Girls signed up
 - Started September 10th and will run for 5 Saturdays
- Traveling Girls Basketball League
 - Registration information will go out soon and the league will start November 3rd

Park Report, Todd

- Winnebago River Revitalization Project Update
 - The DNR Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Program Cost-Share grant is due Friday, September 16th
 - Norma is writing the grant
 - Very similar to the 2019 awarded grant
- 2004 Chevy 1500
 - 3 bids received – Jesse Groves with high bid of \$438
- Korth Family Nature Trail
 - Signage is completed
 - Ribbon cutting was Friday, September 9th
- Boman Trail Bench

- Class of 1972 is donating a bench to be placed along the Boman Park trail
- Winterizing of restrooms and shower house could be earlier than normal due to current trend in low overnight temperatures

ESPN Fund

- \$35,982.87

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Tomke. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.