

Prairie City Park Board Commission  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
5:30 pm  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 5:35 p.m. by Natalie Owens

Present: Tami Ford, Scott Steenhoek, Trent, Manny, Natalie, Bob Beiner, Dan Downey, Lonny Wing, Mindy Shaver, Kim Parker

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes and agenda by Ford 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steenhoek. Motion approved

**Little League/Soccer:**

- No specific updates but small discussion over field use and plans for the programs in 2016. More discussion as the seasons get closer. Discussion was around the facility use with Mindy Shaver, who was in attendance. Discussion topic moved to Park & Rec Scheduler discussion as Kim Parker came around 6pm to the meeting.

**Trent update:**

- Time spent on Ice Rink as well as winterizing. Steenhoek presented Trent with a bottle of Mt Dew as a Thank you for his work and time with the Ice Rink and making it operational.

**Budget Update:**

- Short discussion on budget and how funds are tight based off expenses. Looking for ways to pull some money back. Something discussed was the need to purchase bases for Rec Complex to solve issue with not having enough for non-Little League use.

**Old Business:**

- A. Ice Rink: Ice rink is functional. Still have money left over from the WellMark grant as well as additional \$500 from a Mid-American grant. Trent mentioned getting extra panels, brackets, etc in case need them due to wear and tear or damage in the future. Also talked about more mats and some other general upkeep to use the money for.
- B. Dugout Cover Update: Howard and Lola Vanderhart were in attendance of the meeting to discuss their desire to donate to the project with a \$5000 pledge. Howard provided his background from Prairie City, involvement in youth baseball, and request to honor his father-in-law Raymond Steenhoek with a plaque. A letter was written to the Park Board with details and request for match of their donation before given to the Park Board. Board will follow up on the project and provide this information to Howard.
- C. Rec Complex Agreement Form (Special Meeting 2016): Meeting will be held on Feb 10th to cover the Rec Agreement form and its guidelines and any changes.
- D. Dodgeball Tournament: Tournament date set for Sat. March 5th. Tami Ford will be creating a Facebook page and work on the flyer to send out to the Community. Steenhoek has already requested to reserve the Family Life Center. Discussion around planning and times for the age groups to schedule. Also discussed and confined the entry fees.
- E. Park & Rec Scheduler: Lengthy discussion with Kim Parker and Mindy Shaver over the field scheduling. Exceptions of the position on how it's been done, demands from teams, how it fits into the Little League schedule etc. Kim asked to see the new position requirements which Manny will provide. Board looking to get a better handle on the demands of the Position and emphasizing the desire to have ALL community members to have as equal of opportunity for reservation and work cohesively with Little League. Scheduling timing was

discussed and requested L.L do what they can to provide the scheduling needs as soon in the year as possible before spring as other teams have already started the requests for field use.

- F. Spring Tournament: Spring softball tournament will be held in Prairie City (Rec Complex/Old Diamonds) and Monroe. Sara Drake is the Tournament Director and is holding a special meeting on Jan 29th with community members to be in attendance to begin planning the tournament details.
- G. Grants: Still looking into Grants to fund Dugout Covers. Casey's and Prairie Meadows some options.

**New Business:**

- A. Bench Request: Follow up on the request for memorial bench from Mary Schendel. Trent is working on pricing. Also looking into other memorial opportunities based off number of benches already installed. Will follow up and provide some options.

**Discussion Items:** None

**Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 7.39 pm

Next Meeting:

February 17, 2015, 5:30 pm at Council Chambers