

Prairie City Park Board Commission
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
5:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Natalie Owens

Present: Scott Steenhoek, Natalie, Tami Ford, Drake, Manny, Brent Berger (5:45 pm). Trent Kain (5:38 pm), Councilmen Burkett, Council Downey, Mindy Shaver, Lonny wing. Christy Lindsay (5:51 pm)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes and agenda by Drake 2nd by Steenhoek. Motion approved

Trent update:

No new updates for rec teams. He is working on field #4 (NW field) to clean up the grass. Trimmed trees in City park along fence and some others. 99% done. Worked on repair of the old ball diamond West field. Looking for option for an aerator. Downey asked about what City has to pull an aerator. Has a 3 point tractor. Asked local businesses but has no options for renting out.

Old Business:

- A. Terri Rosonke Request Update - Completed. Can be taken off the agenda
- B. MW Grant Update- Waste dog stations are in. He has recommendations for where to put them in. 90 days on the Grant to install. Discussed locations for placement. 2 at Rec Complex, 1 Garden Square, 1 City Park, 1 Buffalo Park. City will take care of removal of waste on Fridays with normal waste.
- C. Prairie Days, Recap: Park Board had a float. Got 2nd place money went to trust fund. No funds raised yet for the Ball Diamond covers

New Business:

- A. New members: Shaun Hudnut submitted his resignation from Park Board effective immediately. Tami Ford recommended new member with as much tenure in town as possible. Brent Berger expressed interest. Danel has some recommendations for a few others members and will ask. Board will communicate the opening and look for interested members Motion for Tami Ford. Natalie Motion, Danel 2nd. Board Approved.
- B. Ice Rink: Steenhoek discussed and reviewed the information sent out. Manny will work with Steenhoek to gather the information we had from previous research earlier in the year. One reference we have is from the City of Runnells. Board recommends contacting them to get details of their experience from last year.
- C. Park & Rec Equipment: Bat holders. Manny said approval was given for the purchase of 4 new for the old east/west diamonds. Steenhoek will purchase. Motion to approve Danel. 2nd by Steenhoek. Code on the shed needs to be changed. Approval for Trent to change and code given new code to Natalie. The bases at the Rec Complex are owned by Little League and Mindy has provided receipts for them. Mindy addressed the rules and regulations the Little League have to follow. She stated equipment the Little League owns cannot be used by other teams other than Little League. She mentioned the Complex at the time was built for Little League but the room agreed today others teams have formed that do have the need for use of the diamonds in addition

to Little League. Mindy mentioned a private entity that isn't a 'betterment of the community' cannot use the bases. Mindy's concern if a team is not broadcasted to all members of the community or tryouts that it's not considered a betterment of the community and is instead a 'private' entity or team. This here definition of who can use the LL bases and who could not. Steenhoek asked that we move on from the need for any team other than L.L. to use their bases knowing what we now know is the City and Park Board now have a Rec Complex with NO bases for all the community of Prairie City to use. Steenhoek recommended the City and Park Board plan to purchase new bases that are allocated for non-Little League use. A set of 3 plus and extra orange base for software 1st base. Discussion over painting a base Orange instead of buying a specific Orange base. Discussion ended with no resolution yet for new bases and next steps. Plan is to table and discuss in next meeting.

Mindy mentioned the Monroe Little League is separate than the PC Little League from a checking account standpoint. The Monroe Rec Park is separate than from Prairie City. Ford asked what other equipment other than the bases are for L.L. use. Mindy Shaver said everything in the Utility (Main) shed at the Rec Complex is Little Leagues, Pitching machine, balls (theft), bases (no longer in shed), chalker(LL has one chalker and City one). The LL chalker is the wide box with the hard wheels. The chalk in the shed is also Little Leagues. Mindy said chalk use for other teams can be used as long as not excessive use. (no 15 bags per use). We all agreed that was excessive. Drake mentioned would it help if all the LL equipment is moved to one place? Mindy replied yes that is what they are doing. Are the carts owned by Little League? Mindy said yes, Christy Steenhoek said "No", they were actually donated by Noel Brown to the City and not directly to the Little League. All the equipment in the concession stand (pop machine, 2 refrigerators, meat machine, coffee pot, cheese machine, etc). Drake mentioned that if someone wants to use the Rec Complex and equipment, should they not be able to be used by everyone as long as used in good faith.

Ford mentioned Little League should be using LL equipment and we should have a schedule setup by Kim Parker on acceptable use and what equipment to use. Steenhoek mentioned the dynamics of youth sports is changing and we need to adapt. The goal is to have choices on what program they have their kids participate in, whether is Little League or a separate tournament. No one on the PC Board is wanting LL to go away or disband. The goal is to create an environment in our town where any team wanting to use the Ball Park that they can. Christy Steenhoek asked how much money the LL has in the equipment in the concession stand. Possibility for the City to purchase the equipment and allow everyone to rent the concession stand and use it. Discussion of acceptable use of the equipment in concession, what happens if the equipment breaks, who and how is that covered? Christy feels the City should be the one that owns concession equipment. Discussion again over who and how do funds to fix any issues, are the funds there? If one group breaks something and leaves it how do we know who broke it? Who's fault and owns the issue to fund those fixes that are required to get them working again. S. Steenhoek mentioned the Agreement has deposits and fees for the use of the facilities, would that cost be enough to cover any damage? L Burkett asked where do the funds go for rental use for outside teams? Toribio says it goes into the Park Board trust. The Rec Complex was built by CIARAD for Community member use. Owens mentioned as tournament was held this past Spring and was told they could not use the concession stand. Confusion over who said that? The only discussion mentioned was by Mindy was what was going to be done with the

food that was already there and had nothing to do with the profits or use. It is clear that confusion is around the use of the concessions. More discussion is needed to solve this.

Ford asked that we break off the issues into chunks. Mindy is going to move the LL stuff. It will happen when Trent moves the glass doors in the locked shed. Once cleared Mindy will move.

Owens asked whether moving the equipment will always stay in the North shed. Agreed only in offseason. S. Steenhoek asked if the LL equipment can be labeled? Mindy S answered, yes, she will label. Next is the bases for non-community use. Where and how to we get the funds? Does Park Board have the funds to buy bases? S. Steenhoek said we don't need all 4 sets of bases. Start with one more set since one set is already donated. Need 3 more. Trent said there may be enough old bases in the shed to use and put out permanently. The new bases will be stored in the shed as the City obtained the goal of all 4 sets. Recommendation for use is for same way to schedule through Kim, label the carts and have Kim tell the team wanting to use the field which labeled cart can be used with bases in them. Owens mentioned as some point an agreement needs to be written up for acceptable use of equipment between the LL and the City. We need to get it in writing as we move forward. The hersay rule has not worked and needs changed. We will table and decide best approach to re-allocate and define ownership. Do we work with LL together, meaning Monroe and PC or separate? Mindy recommended wait until Monroe has it worked out once their Rec Park is done. Mindy said funding for Monroe is different than PC. Reason PC LL has not made contribution back to City for use is due to demands for all kids in community to play. Fees and expenses are not covering the costs and close to operating in the red. LL has to fill out income statement to main LL. Mindy mentioned a theft is what contributed to them starting out operating in red this year and concession profits barely made up for it? No details to what that theft was or dollar amount from Mindy. Need for donations for was asked by Mindy for gloves, cleats, bats, etc. Park Board discussed trying to help organizing a sports equipment drop off. Park Board will table and discuss. S. Steenhoek brought up the scheduling. Mindy didn't feel there was a problem. Clarity was during the high peak times. What takes precedence? Is their equal access to the fields? More discussion over scheduling and the process to get them used communicated. What happens if a team is not on the schedule and a walk up? Can we add a sign to the Rec Complex field for who to contact in case they didn't know who to contact for scheduling? The City now has a calendar online for the Community to use. Concern of how often it's getting updated and how accurate it is. What is the communication Kim sends back to those who schedule. The goal is to avoid confrontation in the event a scheduling conflict arises.

Access to middle shed is needed for the rakes. Agreement that the fields need to be raked and should be done after use.

D. Rec Complex Agreement Form

Discussion Items:

- Soccer update. They received the goals. Discussion are line painting. Recent rain washed it away and needs redone. Jenny Wing asked to keep flags on the fields so know where to put the paint when it needs redone.
- Jeff Burkett brought up Garden Square War Memorial has a brick that has a name that is misspelled. Manny will touch base with Lions club to make sure it gets addressed and fixed.

- Lyle Burkett brought up that rumor is some on the Park Board feels the water he used was theft. He brought up the tennis court had a concert piece and took his grinder and plugged into the community center electricity and asked the park board or city to pay him for it. It took over an hour. Thought the two events provide a conflict of interest on the message. Discussion over the paper article pertaining to Lyle and his involvement with the City Spigot scandal. Lyle made his case and further discussion ensued outside the Park Board agenda. Park Board felt the actions Lyle described for the electricity and the water events cancelled each other. Motion by Ford, Approved by Steenhoek. The Park Board mentioned Lyle is in good standing. He continued to mention he used his equipment and his time for the concrete. He doesn't want anything for his time from the electrical and water use. The Park Board focused on the Electrical use. The Board agreed.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm Further offline discussion continued by L Burkett and S. Steenhoek about City Spigot issue reported by the Prairie City News

Next Meeting:

September 16, 2015, 5:30 pm at Council Chambers