

Prairie City Park Board Commission
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
5:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 5:36 p.m. by Natalie Owens

Present: Scott Steenhoek, Natalie Owens, Tami Ford, Manny Toribio, Brent Berger, Trent Kain,, Danel Drake
Councilmen Burkett, Council Downey.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

Trent update:

- Trent did quotes for the in ground outlets which came to about \$200. Winterizing will happen the 1st week of November. Steenhoek mentioned he has extra bat rack back plates that he needs to turn over to the City for storage. Drake has extra plugs for the bases. Garbage Cans will be turned in. Trent still does not have a response from the company for the fence that was damaged at the Old West Diamond. Waiting for call back. Discussion about maybe using another part of the fence to use to repair it. May be difficult to use to repair. Manny brought up an email that he got from Jenny and Lonny Wing about a donation request from the Soccer Club for monetary assistance for upkeep on the soccer fields. Discussion around use of that donation and best fit. May be a good option for purchase of an aerator. Other option discussed is to use the money to rent an aerator and overseed. Trent mentioned to begin thinking over the winter for Spring projects inside our parks, i.e sand volleyball court, upkeep and repairs, etc. Natalie brought up the Rec Complex has sections of fence that is too high and could use some care.

Budget Update:

- Total city budget for parks is \$14,100. Fiscal year to date spent \$6000 or 43% difference of \$8369. Covered budget line items and expenses and revenue. The Park Board will continue to keep this as an agenda item moving forward

Old Business:

- A. Ice Rink: Voting was completed for the WellMark Kickstarter Grant on Sept 23rd. Manny will call the NiceRink Company to check availability and delivery. Nov 9th is when WellMark will announce the Grantees. The Park Board will hold a special session meeting on Nov 9th to discuss and go over more details after knowing whether the grant money was given to us or not. The meeting will also be for installation date/effort and upkeep planning.
- B. Park & Rec Equipment Update: Discussed bringing the Little League board back in the Dec 2015 or Jan 2016 meeting to continue the discussion and update since the last meeting from this past summer. Very good chance we will have the opportunity to get a softball tournament in town Spring of 2016. Goal is to finalize the discussion about the Rec Complex equipment use as well as sort out the concession stand availability and use.
- C. Rec Complex Agreement Form: The review of the form and initial updates is being completed by Owens. This agenda item will be tabled until Jan/Feb 2016 to have completed no later than April of 2016.

- D. Public Utilities Inventory & Policy/Procedure: The policy was approved by the City Council in the October 2015 meeting from the September Park Board meeting. No further discussion needed. Steenhoek did make a statement that the Policy is something that is not “set in stone”. If future adjustments need to be made due to it not working the way intended the Park Board and/or City Council may need to be open to amendments, if necessary.
- E. Dugout Covers Update: Discussion around dugout cover project. No new updates for the fundraising effort as no one in the community has offered a donation. Discussion around the fundraising possibilities or even adjusting our approach to the goal. Do we consider purchasing 4 or 6 instead of having the goal to raise the money for all 12? Steenhoek mentioned we may get donations if citizens begin to see progress and improvement by getting a couple diamonds dugouts completed. Drake is going to take the lead on this project and begin to process to develop and discuss the best approach, type of covers we go with, and how many we complete. We will continue to keep this as an agenda item.

New Business:

- A. Ford mentioned the Casey’s Grant is something we should look into utilizing as an opportunity to fund some of our projects. We will look into this for the dugout covers. Ford will take the lead on this option. If we put a sign up in the Rec Complex for those who sponsor discussion around what if any limitations we may come up against. More investigation needs to happen as no one really knew those answers at this time. CIARAD members may be able to help with those answers.

Discussion Items:

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

Next Meeting:

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