

COMMUNITY



DEVELOPMENT

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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Training Room City Hall 5:15PM
Action may be taken on any of the following items.

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of October 17, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 95% Update on Glen Park design and status with IS-GRP**

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. County Road FF planning**

ADJOURNMENT

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.

No official Council action will be taken.



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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

Members Present: Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski

Members Absent: Patricia LaRue

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Amy Peterson-Development Services Director; Brandy Howe-City Planner and Nate Croes-City Forester

Others Present: Ben Fochs-local citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Dobbertin/Nordgren to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting with the corrections by Sean Downing. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rotary will be doing a cleanup day at Veteran's Park Saturday October 20th, 2018 from 9:30-11am with help from Second Street Gardeners and Garden Club.

NEW BUSINESS

DeSanctis Park Plan-

Staff provided the background that they have been in discussions with the DNR regarding the proposed DeSanctis Park Villas. During the conversation, the DNR requested updated information regarding the DeSanctis Park Plan and why the 1994 Master Plan as not been implemented. Staff asked the Park Board to provide their input and then to also detail their future vision for the Park. Board members stated that lack of funding was the primary factor in the delay of full plan implementation to date. The Board was in consensus on the following changes to the 1994 Plan:

- The plan has playground equipment spread all over park and in recent years it has been found that parents like all the play equipment in one area, with different age groups. Additional playground equipment for older children should be added and consolidated near where the current structure is located.
- The plan is very busy with amenities and the Board determined the following should be modified:

- Remove the gazebos, as the school house is there; water and sewer will be provided as well as bathrooms for the facility to serve the public. This facility will serve as a community/recreation/education space, not necessarily as a nature center.
- Remove the tennis courts
- Remove horse shoe pits
- There is a half-court basketball court currently that should stay
- Volleyball court should be installed
- Parking lot will be changed due to new housing development

Hoffman Park Campground -

Danke updated the Board on the 2018 Hoffman Park Campground season. In 2016 revenue was approximately \$19,000, 2017 was approximately \$29,000 and 2018 is expected to be \$37,000. The 2018 increase is largely due to the fee increase of \$5.00 per site. 2017 season was a better year by weather standards than 2018 and that was seen in the early and late season camping attendance. Tent camping was received very well with 200 tenting this season. On one Friday night there were 9 tents in the area.

This year's trial Campground Host worked out very well! The Host was responsible for assigning campsites, performing public relations, litter pickup, answering questions about camping, park facilities, general rules and nearby point of interest. This definitely helped out both the recreation and park staff, especially on weekends and evenings. Due to the success, staff is working on a Campground Host Agreement for the 2019 season.

NOTE: Due to November's Thanksgiving holiday and December's meeting with HPC, dates for Park Board are changed to Wednesday November 14th and Wednesday December 12th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC / to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager