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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, February 21st, 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), Hal Watson (council rep), Brenda Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski.

Members Absent: Brandon Dobbertin.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager*; Nancy Miller – *Library Director*; Reid Wronski – *City Engineer*; Amy Peterson- *Development Services Director* and Mike Stifter – *Operations Director*. Madeline, Madeline, and Grace from Girl Scouts Troop 55651 along with some of their parents.

Others Present: Madeline S, Madeline K, and Grace V. from Girl Scouts Troop 55651 along with some of their parents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Nordgren/LaRue to approve the minutes of the January 17th, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Several youths from Girl Scout Troop 55651 made a presentation about their idea for their Silver Award Project. They would like to propose game tables and stool sets out of stumps and natural materials, and place the sets in a park. They presented pictures of their silver award project idea. They would make two checkers sets and two tick-tack-toe sets. They believe people of all ages would enjoy this intergenerational activity in a park. Game pieces would be kept in a waterproof container. If pieces disappear, people could use sticks, rocks, or leaves. The girl scouts plan is to check the sets monthly to see if they need maintenance or replace pieces. They are thinking of Glen Park, but would consider other parks as well. It was suggested to them that publicity would be a great way to tell about their project idea.

MSC Gaulke/Nordgren that Park Board allows Girl Scout Troop 55651 to build some stump game tables and put them in city parks. Motion passed 6-0.

Library Director Nancy Miller would like permission to set up a story walk along one of our city's pathways/trails, and she would like a recommendation as to where. People can walk along a trail and find 12-20 boards, each containing a page or two of a story as they walk along. The board may include a physical activity suggestion as well. This allows people/families to enjoy walking and reading and talking. It promotes literacy and helps reach people that don't visit our library. The library would be responsible for changing out the stories, and for maintenance, along with help from public works if needed. They would like it to be nice looking. This could be just a summer thing, or a year-round thing. Several examples from other towns were shown. Susan suggested DeSanctis Park might be a good location, or the Kinnickinnic Trail, especially the new path between City Hall and the library might be good as well. They will use money from a grant or fund for the boards, laminating if needed, and maintenance.

MSC Zielski/Watson to approve the story walk concept and decide upon a location in the future. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Reid Wronski spoke about the finalization of Glen Park Implementation Priorities. Park Board needs to make a recommendation to City Council about what they recommend be done within the constraints of the budget. Park board members discussed the main parking/road/trail system, the pavilion, and the splash pad are the most important items. They also see the importance of the paved trail (western segment) and maintenance building (using existing shelter). One park board member had a concern about having too much parking. Staff feels it will be possible to receive donated funds for the center nature playground and the splash pad. Several park board members expressed concern that at least two of the existing playgrounds be left in place until the new one is built. The nays on the motion would prefer the creative play area to be listed at a higher level on the priority list, with reduced parking on the south end and possibly leaving the ball field where it is. This resolution is presented to City Council on March 13th.

MSC Watson/Gaulke that we accept the resolution showing a list of priorities, as currently written. Motion passed 4-2.

The next Park Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at 5:15PM

ADJOURNMENT MSC Reese/Zielski to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant