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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.**  
**Glen Park Pavilion**

**Members Present:** Patricia LaRue (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Matt Janquart, and Jim Nordgren, and Melissa Pedrini.

**Members Absent:** Brenda Gaulke.

**Staff Present:** Cindi Danke-*Recreation Coordinator*; Mike Stifter-*Operations Director*; Mike Noreen-*Conservation and Efficiency Coordinator and City Forester*; and Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*.

**Others Present:** Susan Reese-*former Park Board member and local citizen*, Ben Fochs-*local citizen*, and Tom Bentz-*CAB representative*.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting convened at 5:18 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MSC Nordgren/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting as amended. Carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Many thanks to Jim Nordgren for his many years of service on Park Board.

Tom Bentz of Community Arts Base (CAB) spoke about bids received to replace the bench and canopy at Veteran's Park. It is used for Music in the Park, Art on the Kinni, other events, and the general public sits on the bench. It is in disrepair. The lowest estimate of \$7,450.00 (shared with the agenda) is for the same size and type, but this time in maintenance-free materials. The park budget is set for the year and this was not anticipated, but perhaps the City can be a financial partner in the future. CAB will continue to collect donations. It was suggested that CAB contacts the Kinni Corridor Collaboration, Lions Club, Rotary, and thinks of other fundraising ideas.

**MSC LaRue/Downing to recommend support of donations of labor, materials, and finances to improve the bench and canopy at Veterans Park. Carried 7-0.**

We do not have an official Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update for parks yet. The Park Board will see a list of suggested items to discuss, likely in June.

Spring swimming lessons have finished, and spring soccer has started. The splash pad opened two days ago, and after a popular Facebook post, there have been a number of people using the splash pad. Baseball and t-ball will start soon. Park Staff is working on getting the pool ready for the season.

There have been serious parking issues at Hoffman Park the last two weekends due to a large number of high school ball games, on top of shelter reservations, campers, Tri-Angels playground users, and Grow to Share gardeners. Baseball parking signs will be added by this weekend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MSC Dobbertin/Pedrini to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Rundle', written in a cursive style.

Brenda Rundle  
Recreation Assistant