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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Brandon Dobbertin, Matt Janquart, Melissa Pedrini, and Natasha Schaefer

Members Absent: Brenda Gaulke and Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep)

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike Stifter-Public Works Director; Amy White-Community Services Director/City Clerk; Ellen Massey-Management Analyst Fellow.

Others Present: Sean Downing and Ben Fochs

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Dobbertin/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mike Stifter updated Park Board on park projects. Four new playgrounds have been installed at Brandan's Park, Glen Park, Knollwood Park, and Spring Creek Park. We are getting some estimates for next year's projects at Collins, Westdale, Glen Park, and a pool deck sun shelter. At Sterling Ponds, a new backstop, soccer nets, berm plantings and prairie plantings were installed. The four acres at Sterling Ponds were mowed, but will normally just have trails mowed through it. The pool and splash pad are being winterized. Lower Glen Park (Kinni Trails area) is mowed about twice per year at most. Hoffman Park got a new cement deck around the octagon shelter plus new cement sidewalk back to the baseball stadium. Charges are pending for an individual accused of graffiti in our parks. LaRue met with the art group about the possible placement of the blossom sculpture in Glen Park. The artist will be consulted as well.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Stephanie Falkers of SRF spoke about the Focus River Falls Outdoor Recreation Plan. There have been pop-up events to engage with the community, stakeholder conversations, and an outdoor recreation needs survey (still open; 267 responses as of this morning). Park Board did some workshop brainstorming about what actions, activities, and investments should be considered. A summary will be put together and shared with Park Board after the survey closes, along with plan recommendations and a draft plan, which will be shared so it can be reviewed

before the November Park Board meeting. Park Board will review the plan in January, and the public will be able to review the plan in February. The plan will go to Planning Commission and City Council in March.

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be October 19, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Janquart/Dobbertin to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative