

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD—PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

APPROVED MINUTES

December 19, 2023 Meeting

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Member Attendance: Barry Johnson, Lisa Rawls, Cara Hawkins, Barbara Karmel, Scott Sasse, David Biskar, Jim Simnitt

Absent: Terri Jones, Ryan Oliver

Guests in Attendance: Ken Daniels, Jim Davis, Ryan Potter

1. APPROVE MINUTES:

Scott Sasse moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Jim Simnitt seconded; motion passed, and minutes of the November 16, 2023 regular Board meeting.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

3. OLD BUSINESS—PARKS UPDATE:

Ken Daniels presented a Parks and Recreation Projects update.

- a. Community Park—Ken reported that the restrooms will be delivered the week of December 18. Water will be switched to the new line giving the A-frame building water service. A leak was detected so it will be corrected with the new water line.
- b. Auburn Farms—Ken reported that the design is still pending. It's unclear if HHPR will continue with the design.
- c. Legacy Park Outdoor Exercise Court—Ken reported they are still waiting for three bids for the concrete pad to be received.
- d. Maple Street Park—The turf contractor is holding a month in their schedule to install the turf. Parks will be turning off the irrigation a month before the turf installation to ensure the ground is dry.

4. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION:

Parks has several projects in the queue for 2024. The following possible projects were discussed:

- a. Consider a master plan for Wait Park.
- b. Barbara said a dog park still needs to be considered and would like to have it on the table for discussion. Lisa said Jerry Nelzen has shared previously that the Walnut Street Bypass will include property that could be conducive to an enclosed dog park.
- c. Ivy Ridge was originally planned as a green space with sidewalks. Ken believes a sewer line was run to the larger parcel of land.
- d. Ken said Wait Park is getting very busy. Additional trash cans, benches, a new bathroom to replace the existing 20-year facility, and a concrete pad to allow food truck access to the park should be considered.
- e. Barbara asked about the current staffing level. Ken said it is a challenge and could always use additional employees, but don't want to hire only to have to lay off employees.
- f. Barry described a pedal park project, planned for the City of Sandy, would be promising to the Honda Pits property.

6. CITY STAFF UPDATE—RYAN POTTER

Ryan said 140 people attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled on January 24 Baker Prairie Middle School cafeteria.

Mark's Place housing development, at the south end of town, will include sections of the Emerald Necklace.

7. CITY COUNCIL/PARKS LIAISON REPORT—JIM DAVIS

Jim reported applications for an open City council position are being accepted through December. Interviews are scheduled on January 10. Jim recommended the Board provide its list of projects to Jerry to be incorporated into the 2024-25 budget for consideration. Cogeo had another meeting with the City Administrator and City staff. Patrick gave a report that was received positively. Staff is planning to make a recommendation to Council in January in Executive Session. A possible athletic complex is looking promising at this point. The City Administrator contract has been signed. The Swim Center work is being considered. Several water leaks have been identified and the citizens need to consider a new aquatic facility. The current facility doesn't meet ADA requirements. The property under consideration for the athletic complex could possibly accommodate an aquatic center. Traci Hensley is now chair of the URA. Kudos to Public Works for the Wait Park holiday decorations. A Council retreat is scheduled for February 16 to update priorities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Karmel moved to adjourn, Cara Hawkins seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. The next regular meeting of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board is scheduled for 6:30 pm January 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Rawls, Board Secretary