

March 19th, 2015

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Maier, D. Wroblewski, J. Hewitt, R. Hansen

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: B. Eaton, M. Pierce, P. Carrey

STAFF: B. Sasse, J. Svoboda, J. Pulda, A. Giles- Barron

OTHER IS ATTENDANCE: Trustee Havn, A.M. Clausen

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by T. Maier.

2. Approval of minutes from February 19th 2015 minutes- J. Hewitt motioned to accept the February 19th 2015 minutes as presented. R. Hansen seconded. Motion passed.

3. Public comment- None

4. Reports- Staff: J. Pulda stated that he is starting to receive monies for the donation program he utilizes to off set costs associated with the MP recreation program. Banners will be placed this spring at Stuart McBride Park as well as in the quarterly news letter that is sent out. J. Svoboda gave an update on Kraut Music Fest and stated that the website is up and running and that paperwork for the liquor license is being completed. B. Sasse supplied advisory board with examples of a utility vehicle that the parks could utilize in preparing the ball diamonds and other uses associated with parks and even highway. No action was taken on this matter. B. Sasse distributed a map of the Scholz property that could be potentially purchased for an expansion of Smolenski Park. This would allow for an access into Smolenski Park from Globe Heights Dr. The acquisition was outlined in the CORP that will go before Plan Commission and Village Board in April. This land is roughly 4 acres with a considerable amount of wetland area. This purchase would be in 2016 at the earliest. A picture of the new retro-fit picnic table was distributed. There was discussion on the time spent to construct the table and is it cost effective compared to purchasing a new table. B. Sasse presented to advisory board a proposal from HK Sports Fields for sand and ball diamond work at Stuart McBride Park. It was determined to keep the sand portion of the proposal in house and performed by the highway department. J. Pulda was going to contact HK Sports Fields to see if the baseball diamond project can be reduced in costs to allow it to be maintenance expenditure. R. Hansen asked if the sand being removed can be utilized elsewhere in the parks.

Trustee: Trustee Clausen was in attendance and announced that the Civic Affairs Committee was hosting a Mount Pleasant Days on September 19th 2015 here at the Village campus site.

5. 2015 Budget and CIP update: Staff is working with the finance department to come up with a simpler spreadsheet that can be distributed to the advisory board on a monthly basis. The new accounting software is a work in progress. T. Maier asked if future re-paving and sealing was going to be included in upcoming CIP items.
6. Status update on Lake Park and Stuart McBride playground purchases- A. Giles- Barron stated that she is still working with finance as to how to get this process moving. T. Maier asked if an order was yet placed and a possible time frame for installation. Staff was going to report back at next months meeting.
7. Park District- informational only- D. Wroblewski reported that at this time this is an exploratory issue and there are a ton of facts and information that needs to be looked at. State statutes and a long list of items would have to be met in order for this to occur. Lemont Park District has offered to engage in a conference call at next months meeting if the advisory board wished. It was determined that D. Wroblewski would set up a call for next months meeting. He asked that the board come prepared with questions to this topic.
8. Smolenski Park farm field- J. Svoboda stated that he made contact with Pedersen Farms about farming the 13 acres inside Smolenski Park. He no longer farms the property adjacent to the farm field and granting access may be an issue. B. Sasse stated he would contact B. Eaton to see who currently farms the property next to the park and they may be interested in doing so at Smolenski. T. Maier suggested applying for a grant thru the RCF to have that area restored back to native prairie. It was decided that staff would begin that process as well. B. Sasse distributed a memorandum on wetland delineation for Turek and Smolenski Parks. Costs estimates and explanation followed. J. Hewitt motioned to have staff move forward with the wetland delineation for Turek and Smolenski Parks.
9. Memorial or donation benches, tables, and tree's deadline- T. Maier stated that April 15th is the deadline for placing an order. We are combining this purchase to coincide with the Polzin Park purchases. This will reduce costs for all involved.
10. Adjourn: D. Wroblewski motioned to adjourn. R. Hansen seconded. Adjourned at 5:39pm

Respectfully submitted,
J. Svoboda- Park Staff