

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16TH, 2020

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 16th, 2020 at the Youth Club.

Members Present: Mitch Groessler, Kevin Schmidt, Ann Kirchman, Sara Olejniczak, and Devin Schmidt

Also Present: Sara Robertson

Moved by Olejniczak, second by K. Schmidt to approve agenda.

Moved by K. Schmidt, second by Olejniczak to approve February minutes.

Moved by K. Schmidt, second by Olejniczak to approve bills.

Public Comment: No public comment

Old Business:

- Robertson updated the committee about the contract with the school being signed with some adjustments to the fees.
- Robertson informed the committee that an Ovention Oven was purchased with donations to replace the deep fryer. Salszieder will be doing some modifications to the counter tops and electrical to accommodate the oven.
- The committee discussed how City parks and the Community Building will be used during the Covid-19 pandemic. Their recommendation will be to keep the Community Building closed for the remainder of the summer and readdress in the fall. For the parks, they recommend opening the bathrooms for baseball games but keeping the concession building closed. Pavilions can be rented out. All bathrooms doors will be signed with "Use At Your Own Risk".

Directors Report:

- Programming Update:
 - All recreation programs have been cancelled for the summer, except for the Summer Park Program, which will be modified to allow for safe practices. We will be handing out a weekly activity bags on Mondays and serving free pre-packaged lunch, (along with pre-packaged breakfast and snacks in the bag) Monday-Thursday. This is a six week program. Activities will also be posted on our Facebook page. Madeline Prokash is the Park Supervisor this year.
- Community Building Update:
 - Salzsieder will be doing some modifications to the kitchen area to accommodate the Ovention Oven. The hood will be removed and electrical updated.
 - During "quarantine", we took advantage of the building being locked to do deep some deep cleaning, painting, organizing, waxing the floors and closing off the cubby that was located on the stage. We're waiting for the Adirondack chairs building built by Wolf Tech when school resumes.

- Parks Update:
 - Christmas Tree Point is in need of repair work done to fix the erosion problems caused by high water and storms. The Street Department will be filling in the damaged areas with larger stones and then we will go in and clean the rest of the debris.
 - There have been significant issues of vandalism and littering at Perry Field. The committee approved the temporary closure of the park from 3:30 pm to 8:00 am to see if that will help the situation. We will also be looking into some sort of security system.
 - The development of a Peterson Park picnic area as an Eagle Scout project is scheduled for the end of August.
 - There is a problem with Ash trees that are dying in Peterson Park. Robertson will reach out to Matt Murphy to see about their removal, along with several other large trees that need to come down in the lower level of the park.
 - The Perry Field lighting project is scheduled to start mid-August.
- Crescent Beach Update:
 - The beach project storm water redesign project is scheduled to begin late summer.

New Business:

- Robertson is pricing out the cost of a pavilion/picnic area to replace the pavilion in front of the Youth Club when the current one is taken down because of the redesign project. She will be looking at alternative sources of funding. She will also be getting estimates on a selfie station and bench swing to put in the area.
- Committee discussed the issue of the structures that were built with drift wood on Crescent Beach over the winter. It was determined that the City will continue to groom and clean the beach in the spring and summer months as we always have done.
- Dogs on the beach were also discussed. An additional “beach rules” sign will be placed at the south end of the beach and police have said they can do additional patrols to help enforce the ordinance of no dogs on the beach from October 1st-May 1st Robertson will work with the Chamber on putting up a sign near the building or giving information to help tourists know where DeMeuse Park (Dog Park) is located so they can exercise their dogs of leash.

Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm at the Youth Club.

Motion by Kirchman, second by D. Schmidt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.