

Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024
Minutes

Members Present: Art Taft, Anne Schmidt, Korkney Maurer, Jim Sargent, Erin Borland, Pat Carroll, and Kevin Angland

Staff Present: Kevin Vining, Jessica Compton, Olivia Hollis, and Sarah Griffin

Guest: None

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board motioned to approve January 8, 2024 minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

- Jessica Compton, Park and Recreation Deputy Director
 - Director's report
 - Aquatic and Recreation Center
 - Contractors say that we are still on schedule for construction completion in the spring.
 - The tile installers are moving towards being fully completed in the pools.
 - Walls have been painted and flooring is completed.
 - Park District Updates
 - Looking at what we can do this year for projects.
 - Kayak Station
 - Shannon Newth and Jason Laird with Treasure State Outdoors funded the startup for a kayak rental station in West Bank Park.
 - The rental system will be similar to the E-Bikes in town.
 - The entire operation will be run by the Treasure State Outdoors, Park and Recreation will not be involved in the operations.
 - The concrete pad has already been installed.
 - Rent.fun.com will be the website where consumers can access more information,
 - Art wanted to know why the Board wasn't more informed on this discussion/process. He noted that the proposal/project was presented to the board, but wasn't aware that the project had been finalized and gone to the Commission and been approved.
 - Art also suggested that they might use the Sun River for a drop in location.
 - Fee Update
 - Staff submitted the proposed fees to the City Manager's office for review. Once the fees have been approved by the City Manager, it will go to the City Commission for approval.

- It's possible that the fees might go to the special work session on February 20, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
 - A Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected.

Kevin England motioned to appoint Erin Borland as Chairman of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Pat Carroll seconded the motion and carried, 6-0.

Pat Carroll motioned to appoint Kevin England as Vice Chairman of the Park and Recreation Board. Erin Borland seconded the motion and carried, 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department Updates – Kevin Vining
 - Installed Kayak Pad at West Bank Park.
 - Finished installation of memorial pavilion in Elks Riverside.
 - Staff attended some environmental training.
 - Like Trails, Parks is working on inventorying the Park System.
 - Getting seasonal employees interviewed and hired for the spring/summer season.
 - Natatorium pool demolition pool is just wrapping up, just need some sidewalks installed in the spring. Installed curb stops for any future projected projects.
 - Installed some lighting cages under the 6th Street Bridge for security.
 - Still maintaining the ducks at Honker Hilton.
 - Pat asked if the Department had found a new partner for Christmas lights on Overlook Park. Kevin said he is still reaching out to different organizations.
 - Sarge said that we would like to get Providence and the different schools involved. He will look into that possibility.
 - Sarge asked how recruiting is going, especially with school recruitment, and how we could improve it. Kevin mentioned that while he thinks that every bit helps, we don't necessarily get a lot of returned applicants from those events.
- Department Updates – Olivia Hollis
 - Routine Maintenance, snow removal
 - Working on cataloging our assets with GIS Mapping Department.
 - Parks Staff removed a lot of dirt from the hill by the Caboose that was slumping.
 - Re-hired the seasonal employee for the season.
 - Working with the foundation to get an E-Bike for off trails. This will allow for access to the single track trails.
 - Sarge wanted to know what more we could do to bring more attention to the RET, and its needs.
 - Staff explained that the department is working collaboratively with different groups around town to bring more attention to the trail.
 - Staff attended Winters Trails day at Silver Crest Recreational area. It was a great turn out, 116 attended.

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- Sarge said that UP would like to paint the bleachers on Field #7 at Multi Sports. He would like to work with the Department to get the bleachers pulled from the field and put into a building where the students can work on painting it.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None present

Next Meeting March 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.