

Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024
Minutes

Members Present: Kortny Maurer, Jim Sargent, Erin Borland, Pat Carroll, and Ann Schmidt
Staff Present: Kevin Vining, Jessica Compton, Steve Herrig, Olivia Hollis, Erica McNamee, and Todd Seymanski
Guest: None
Board Liaison: Shannon Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board motioned to approve May 13, 2024 minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Herrig, Park and Recreation Director
 - Director's report
 - Aquatic and Recreation Center
 - Last AOC meeting this week.
 - Pool Company starting plaster of pool.
 - HVAC balance systems next week.
 - Scheels planned pre-use for their employees on 23rd.
 - City employee night planned for 21st depending on construction.
 - Fitness equipment delivered.
 - Gym floor is lined and prepped.
 - Bee City USA
 - Put out to Community Development, Director and DD looking to see if can be added.
 - Adopt-A-Park
 - Currently have 8 Groups.
 - More interest from patrons and park board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Aim High Big Sky Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening
 - Ribbon Cutting 5pm, tours before and after cutting on the June 28th, grand opening 29th.
 - Would appreciate any board members who could be on site.
- July is Park and Recreation Month
 - Theme is 'Where we Belong' or 'Where you Belong'
 - Look for social media posts highlighting our staff and partners.
 - Caught ya's giving out gift cards for staff who go above and beyond to True Brew or Big Dipper.

- Golf Management
 - Golf Carts – update fleet.
 - Revising/extending the contract with CourseCo.
- Special events
 - Farmer’s Market at AHBS.
 - Family night at AHBS.
 - Cardboard Boat Races at Wadsworth.
 - Dog Agility in August at West Bank.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department Updates – Todd Seymanksi
 - Done with stumps.
 - Finished Carter park with trimming.
 - Taking down first diseased Elm tree in Gibson.
- Department Updates –Kevin Vining
 - Getting into the swing of maintenance.
 - Facilities open.
 - Garbage pickup full swing with warm weather and park visitors.
 - Irrigation issues, working through those issues.
 - Pump issue with Gibson, Mitchell and Elks.
 - Fundraising for new pump for Gibson idea.
 - Gopher calls- dedicated a crew with smoker machine.
 - Weeds and irrigation top priority.
 - Wadsworth erosion project.
 - Lions Club is painting the pavilion, primer on, now to finish top coat, scheduled for Tuesday.
 - Updates to computerized irrigation systems coming to Lions, Sight and Sound Park.
- Department Updates – Olivia Hollis
 - New staff working out great.
 - Bicycle Club working on Cochrane Dam area of trail.
 - Regular volunteers doing work.
 - Calumet offering a volunteer day.
 - Lewis & Clark helping with trail signage updates.
 - Was at Cochrane Dam for crossing at water station.
 - Trail painting through Get Fit Great Falls.
 - Flower Growers installed more plants in parks and on trail.
 - Working updates to Missouri/Madison River Grant application.
 - Rails to Trails grant application submitted.
 - E-Bike has been delivered.
- Recreation Center, Erica McNamee
 - Waterpark is open.
 - Running sprinklers to help with grass.
 - 2 bids for Splash pad, equipment on hand.
 - Splashpad both NH pools opened 7th, pools open 17th.
 - 38 LG, 2 managers, 2 concessionaires, training staff for new facility.
 - Working facility schedules and EAP for SAHBS.

- Need new lifeguards for new facility.
- Camps start on 17th at the pavilion in Lions Park- full staff for camp.

PARK BOARD

- Anne Schmidt
 - Oddfellows park, parking barriers on grass prevent people from driving down to water, might be big enough to put kayak roller through it.
 - Sunrise park tennis court and any plans to resurface the court.
- Jim Sargent
 - Need a DJ, let him know
- Shannon Wilson
 - Gophers, Commissioners asking about what the smoker is that is for the Gophers.
 - Silver Sneaker memberships, are those available for purchase

*Introduced Virginia Lyons- New Facility Program Coordinator at SAHBS

PUBLIC COMMENT – None present

Next Meeting July 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.