

**FEBRUARY 22, 2017 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chairperson Jonathon Frey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Jonathon Frey, Paul Davis, Russ Jorstad and Bonnie Slagg. Denise Langan and Ken Haagensen were excused. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Mayor Chris Lund and Kevin Slagg.

Flanigan confirmed that the meeting agendas were posted on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Jorstad/Davis motion to approve the December 14, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

DISCUSS GRAVEL INSTALLATION FOR PARKING NEAR TRACTOR PULL:

Hartzell stated that at the last meeting it was suggested to add gravel in between the tractor pull area and the soccer field from the road to the tree farm. The estimated cost was \$70,000. This cost was much more than anticipated. Ramona stated that the soil in that area is inadequate. The entire area would need to be dug out and the soil replaced.

A Frey/Davis motion to table the discussion on parking near the tractor pull area at RTP passed, all voted in favor. Bonnie Slagg abstained from the vote.

DISCUSS SIGNAGE FOR PARKS

The Committee received a list of all the parks that do not currently have identification signs. The staff reached out to the School District and they are willing to create the signs using their equipment. The final cost for each sign is \$80.00. Jorstad asked if the Conservation Club and the Lion's Club would be able to donate signs. He stated that the Lion's Club would like to donate the Hain Road Park and Orchard Heights Park. The City would do the installation and bill the Lion's Club. Frey would like to let the community know we are doing the sign project and find out if anyone would like to donate a sign. He would like to put a story on the website and in the newspaper for a couple of weeks to see what response we get.

A Frey/Davis motion to send out ads for the next three weeks for park signs, then proceed with sign creation through the school passed, all voted in favor.

Bonnie Slagg inquired on the name of the Fish Pond Park. Ramona stated in the master plan it stated Clay Pit Heritage Park. Frey suggested the committee put this issue on a future agenda.

DISCUSS 2017 PROJECTS

Frey asked the committee to voice their suggestions on how to improve the parks. Davis suggested we look into putting more biking and walking trails into our park system. Flanigan stated the city owns land between the Clay Pit Heritage Park and the High St Marsh Trail, we could possibly put a trail there to connect the two pieces. The other option for trails is in Orchard Heights along the railroad and along the creek. A path was established by the previous owner which was always planned to be a trail for walking. Flanigan stated the trail projects could qualify for state grants. The Committee would like to see a map of the current trails available for the next meeting.

Jorstad suggested we plant some more trees in the parks. He stated that Dan Riley had some trees that need to be transplanted. He will contact Mr. Riley regarding the trees. He said the Lion's Club may be willing to be involved in the tree planting. Frey asked staff to research the possibility of Tree City USA.

Frey stated that he had a Citizen contact him about getting isometric exercise equipment scattered in the parks.

Chris Lund would like to see some kind of marker placed at the dog park in recognition of “Rumer Has It’ winner of the Westminster Dog Show. Ramona stated there were some funds left over from the creation of the park. The Council will need to decide if they want to use any of those funds.

NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting is set for March 29th. Possible agenda items include Bird and Tree City USA, isometric workout circuit equipment, dog park recognition sign, signage update, park trail map.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Davis/Slagg motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Tom Hartzell/wjl
Public Works Director