

JUNE 25, 2014 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES CITY OF EDGERTON

Chairperson Mark Wellnitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mark Wellnitz, Dave Thomas, Greg Rierson, Denise Langan, Ken Haagensen, Russell Jorstad, and Bonnie Slagg. Also present was City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Police Chief Tom Klubertanz, Mayor Chris Lund, and numerous citizens.

Hartzell confirmed that the meeting agendas were posted on Friday, June 20, 2014 at BMO Harris Bank, the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

ELECT CHAIR:

A Haagensen/Slagg motion to elect Mark Wellnitz as Chairperson passed. All voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Thomas/Haagensen motion to approve the April 30, 2014 and May 14, 2014 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADA ACCESSIBLE SWING:

A citizen approached the city to install an ADA accessible swing. A quote was included in the packet. The citizen requesting the swing was not in the audience and the committee did not have enough information.

A Haagensen/Thomas motion to table the issue passed. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEMPORARY FENCING FOR BALL DIAMONDS:

At the last meeting, Joe Boss asked to have the outfield fence moved in on the JV softball diamond. Hartzell stated that the temporary fences run between \$600-\$1,200.

A Wellnitz/Haagensen motion to table the temporary fencing discussion passed. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RACE TRACK PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

The packet included 3 alternatives for the road at Race Track Park. Each alternative includes reconstruction of the road, installation of storm sewer, and curb & gutter. The soils at the park are very bad. The costs are high because this project is being quoted as a road not a path. A separate cost was quoted to enlarge and pave the parking lot by the Conservation Club. The first option provides for 2 parking lots available for park users it also includes access and parking for the shelter on the hill. This alternative straightens the entrance road to the park. The second option only provides for 1 parking lot and also straightens the entrance and exit. The third option would provide for 1 parking lot and keep the entrance and exit loop the way it is. The curb and gutter will serve 3 purposes, to protect the edge of the asphalt pavement, to control parking, and for stormwater control. Stormsewer is recommended to move the water away from the roads thus reducing maintenance costs over time. The committee asked to have some things staked out. They would like to meet at the park for the next meeting and discuss the options. Wellnitz felt that we should focus on the roads and put the conservation parking lot off until a later date. This issue will be put on a future agenda.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SKATE PARK:

In spring of 2010 the skate park ramps were removed from Central Park. They were then temporarily replaced at the cement pad in Race Track Park. The ramps were removed for festivals. That pad is now larger and able to accommodate the ramps permanently. If we do not replace the ramps and sell them we will have to pay the Tony Hawk foundation \$5,000. The committee asked if we donated the equipment would we have to pay the \$5,000? They also would like to determine if there is interest from skate park users. Tom will check on the donation issue. City staff will get the word out to gauge the interest. This issue will be put on a future agenda.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING DOGS IN PARKS:

Dave Thomas is strongly opposed to dogs in parks. A citizen requested an area in Veteran's Park for use as a dog park. The biggest issue is the cleanup of waste. Dogs would have to be leashed because there is no fence. Wellnitz felt that because there is a group of people trying to build a dog park on Winston Dr., the city should wait to see if there is more of a need. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting. Klubertanz asked if a sign can be posted in the park with all of the rules.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SECOND PUMP AT COMMUNITY GARDENS:

In the original plans there were 2 sections of the gardens. The existing pump is centered in the first half; now we need one centered in the second section. Wellnitz stated that the pump was around \$200.00 total.

A Jorstad/Thomas motion to approve the purchase of another pump at the community gardens passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

Dave Thomas stated that there have been some problems with people dumping yard waste near the community gardens. Bonnie suggested that letters be sent to the citizens on S. Main St to make them aware that they can't put their waste there any longer.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS REPORT:

Hartzell stated that his department is trying to play catch up from spring. Mowing is getting caught up. The new concession stand is just about done for July 3rd. His staff is also working on the netting out at the park for the ball diamonds.

POOL DIRECTORS REPORT:

Gohlke reported that the two capital items have been purchase. Punch cards have been a big hit. Attendance has been down because of the weather. Ann would like to have a discussion about e-cigarettes regulations.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:30 at Race Track Park to discuss the road issue only.

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

Tom Hartzell/wjl
Public Works Director