

AUGUST 13, 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 were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Alderperson Matt McIntyre, Police Chief Tom Klubertanz, Aquatic Director Ann Gohlke, Mayor Chris Lund and citizens.

Hartzell confirmed that the meeting agendas were posted on Friday, August 8, 2014 at BMO Harris Bank, the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Haagensen/Thomas motion to approve the July 15, 2014 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RACE TRACK PARK SCOUT PROJECT:

Benjamin Seed, a boy scout, wishes to build a 5'x22' bridge in Race Track Park by the soccer fields to earn an eagle scout ranking. The estimated cost would be \$500-\$1000. He is trying to get donations and hopes to build it in the spring.

A Langan/Slagg motion to allow Ben Seed to plan a bridge at RTP with a detail plan approved by Tom Hartzell passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A DISC GOLF TEE:

Mark Wellnitz requested the purchase of a disc golf tee to honor Brian and Andy Dudgeon who have raised all the funds for the course.

A Wellnitz/Jorstad motion to approve the purchase of a disc golf tee passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADA ACCESSIBLE SWING:

A resident has requested an ADA swing be installed at Racetrack Park or Central Park. There were 2 quotes presented to the committee. Tom Hartzell stated that both swings would work with the equipment we already have.

A Langan/Wellnitz motion to budget for an ADA accessible swing passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SKATE PARK:

Ramona stated that there are adequate funds to finish the pad at Race Track Park. Tom Hartzell contacted the Tony Hawk Foundation regarding the skate park equipment we own. Donating our equipment to some other entity is a very complicated issue due to the requirements of the grant. There were a few responses from the community stating that they would like to see the equipment reinstalled. Two audience members spoke in favor of the skate park. The equipment would be placed on the concrete slab where the previous Lion's Club Kitchen was.

A Wellnitz/Jorstad motion to reinstall the skate park equipment on a temporary basis passed on a 5/2 roll call vote. Dave Thomas and Bonnie Slagg voted against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEMPORARY FENCING FOR BALL DIAMONDS AT RTP:

Joe Boss presented different styles and costs for the fencing. The costs ranged from \$600 - \$3200. He stated that they may have a possible donor to help with the cost. The committee asked to have a report of the funds available through the city and the donated amounts for next meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONTRACTED LANDSCAPE SERVICES:

Ramona stated that there are no funds currently in the budget for outside landscaping. If the committee decided we have a need of that service, then we would have to advertise and take bids. Tom Hartzell stated that if there was money put in the budget the committee might want to consider hiring another summer part time person. No action was taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RACE TRACK PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

The committee is considering 3 different options for improvements on the road at RTP. Brian Dudgeon spoke about parking by disc golf areas. He feels if we don't go to some type of established parking area people will continue to park anywhere they wish particularly on the disc golf course. The committee discussed leaving the existing entrance for emergency use and going with option #1, removing the parking lot by the conservation club, moving the entrance parking to the west closer to the shelter and not doing the drive & lot behind shelter. The committee requested cost comparisons with and without the large parking lot by the conservation club.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PARK CLOSING HOURS:

The city ordinances do not currently contain regulations of when our parks close. The Mayor has requested the committee recommend closing hours. Some of the things to consider are: do all parks need closing hours? Should Race Track Park have later hours because of activities and festivals?

A Wellnitz/Slagg motion to not set closing hours for any parks passed. Russ Jorstad and Denise Langn voted against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DONATION POLICY FOR POOL PASSES:

Ann reported that from time to time she has organizations requesting donations. She said she could do punch passes which are \$15.00 for five punches.

A Haagensen/Thomas motion to allow donations of pool passes at the discretion of the Pool Director passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6:30 at City Hall.

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

Tom Hartzell/wjl
Public Works Director