



Parks & Recreation Office – 901 Montana Avenue

December 3, 2024

6:30

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Wendy Taavola called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Gary Stevenson
Bob Bosk
Ann Pfotenhauer
Jay Bostwick
Roger Aho

ABSENT

Jeremy Cook
Cathy Sjoquist

STAFF PRESENT

Wendy Taavola, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Britenbach of the Gladstone Legion Indians spoke about the need to put an addition on the press box for storage and use as concessions when needed. There were several scheduling issues this season where the concessions were not open during their tournaments. The baseball groups would like to use the addition to store concession supplies, so they are prepared for next year. They will not open concessions when the City concession is open and do not plan to take away from the City's concession sales.

Mr. Britenbach requested the Board's approval to move forward with the project. Director Taavola informed the group that the project would need to be brought to Renee Barren, Community Development, and the Planning Commission. Anne Pfotenhauer made a motion to give Mr. Britenbach the approval to bring the project to the Planning Commission with the condition that the concessions will be shut down if open when city concession are open, Jay Bostwick seconded.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting by Pfotenhauer, Seconded by Bosk.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Taavola presented the 2025 meeting dates for approval. The following are next year's meeting dates with changes discussed:

- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 2
- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 5
- September 9 (changed from September 2 due to proximity to Labor Day)
- October 7
- November 11 (changed from November 4 due to elections)
- December 2

A motion was made to approve the meeting dates with changes discussed by Bostwick, Seconded by Pfotenhauer.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Taavola presented the current budget revenue and expenditure reports.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bob Bosk: initiated discussions on the following topics during the meeting:

1. **Picnic tables not propped up:** The department focused on the leaves this year, leaving the picnic tables in place. The tables often get blown down from being propped anyways.
2. **Ice Rink:** Bosk inquired about the status of the ice rink. Rink is graded but ice has not been started.
3. **Addition of sign in Sports Park:** Bosk stated that placing a direction sign at the end of the drive leading to the pickleball courts, disc golf, playground and pump track was discussed with the previous director. Also, a sign on the highway depicting the amenities at the Sports Park.
4. **Ski Trail:** Bosk stated that the cross-country ski trail is ready for grooming.

Anne Pfotenhauer: No comments.

Jay Bostwick: Bostwick initiated discussion on the following:

1. **Splash Pad:** Bostwick inquired of the Board opinions on pursuing a splash pad in the city.
2. **Grass along the highway:** Bostwick asked who is responsible for mowing the grass along the highway. Parks and recreation did it when the city was responsible, but the mower the department has is not approved for work along the highway. The county currently maintains the grass.

Roger Aho: No comments.

Gary Stevenson: Stevenson initiated discussions on the following:

1. **Budget:** Stevenson inquired about cuts that could be made within the department if necessary for the next budget season.
2. **Logo:** Stevenson expressed interest in Patricia attending the next meeting to get an update on the progress of the city logo with Orange Cat.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Pfothenhauer motioned; Stevenson seconded to adjourned meeting at 8:32 pm.