



Agenda

Park & Rec Meeting
City Hall – Council Chambers
Monday February 19th, 2024 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order:

Roll Call: Bouska, Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Garrigus, Meska, Stasi

Attending:

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the January 17th, 2024, meeting:

Motion: 2nd:

Aye: Nay:

Citizen Comments:

Wellness/Recreation Update:

Playground Policy:

- Consideration of a motion approving the proposed public playground policy:

Motion: 2nd:

Aye: Nay:

Aquatics Update:

Parks/Cemetery Update:

Board Member Updates:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 18th, 2024



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting
City Hall – Council Chambers
Wednesday January 17th, 2024 - 5:15 PM

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Call to Order: 5:16pm

Roll Call: Bouska, Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Garrigus, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Bouska, Burkhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Stasi

Absent: Gearhart, Meska

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the November 20th, 2023, meeting:

Motion: Jorgensen 2nd: Stasi

Aye: All Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Recreation Update:

Burkhart stated that they finished up youth basketball since taking it over. Women's volleyball finished up before Christmas time. Over the break the wellness center hosted an open gym, gym nerf with 45 kids attending and dodgeball games with the same number of kids participating. Dodgeball 2nd – 4th league games are Tuesday evenings right now. Coed volleyball has six teams participating. With the cold weather and snow events the wellness stayed open for limited hours but were staffed each day of the past week. The 24-hour pass system was updated which helps identify who is entering the facility. Soccer and flag football registrations will be going out soon and 5th and 6th dodgeball registration are also going out. Jessica stated that she had their first scheduled meeting with the school on the wellness center and there a lot of questions moving forward. Discussion about the changes being made to these programs was continued. Jessica stated that she and Liz will need to reapply for her job through the school as they will become school employees. Jessica talked about the online registration process she and Johnson are working on.

Aquatics Update:

- **FCCF grant**

This past month Joshua learned that the city is a recipient of a grant from the Fayette County Community Foundation for \$3,311.50. This was achieved by leveraging the \$5,500 in CIP funding for the pool lounge chair replacement so that we can replace all the lounge chairs this year. Johnson stated that originally, they had funds for 16 chairs but with this grant they are looking at purchasing around 24 chairs. Johnson stated that this is a matching grant like most so he could only ask for a certain

percentage of the available funds that he had available. Johnson stated that they are going into the 28th season with this facility and that some of the chairs are original. Johnson stated that Kim Lawless is working on handing out applications to kids for the upcoming season.

Parks/Cemetery Update:

This past month Joshua attended a playground safety inspector course in Ankeny. This very informative course covered the technical aspects of playground inspections and installations. Also, this past month Nate and Joshua spent a lot of time working on decorating Depot Park for the old time Christmas on Friday Dec. 8th. The bathrooms were open for patrons to utilize for the event which Joh and Nate winterized again on Monday. The cemetery has been steady with burials through the past two months. Nate went through all the snow removal equipment for maintenance as we needed it this past week. Nate and Joshua took their CEU course for their pesticide licenses in Fayette. Joshua worked on the concept form to bring in an AmeriCorps group next season to complete tree trimming and brush removal along trails and in parks. Joshua has been working on the park and rec master plan updating with new information as many projects have been completed that will be taken to the park and rec board again.

Nate has been working on the maintenance the mowers and started in on the trucks. Joshua has been working on the park annual report, so it was finished by the end of the month. Joshua worked on the civicrec presentation for Monday night's council meeting in December. The council approved the online program so Jessica and Joshua will be working together on developing the new site for all to pay for park and rec programs online. Joshua sent the school the city bill for shared expenses at the sports complex for this last season. Joshua has also been working on a playground policy to take to the commission for approval as well. Johnson received the playground inspection kit that he ordered so that they can inspect the city's playground equipment to test for head and neck clearances as well as entanglement hazards. High school seniors have been slowly working on their seminar projects at various locations. Joshua met with the trails committee to discuss updates and progress.

Joshua has been working on the presentation for park budgets for the next council meeting night. Joshua has also wrapped up the department year-end report. Nate has been continuing his efforts with the maintenance of all the equipment for all departments. Joshua and Nate took advantage of the warmer weather this past month and trimmed up some more of our recently planted trees on various properties. The cemetery employees came in and prepared a grave for a Friday burial for Geilenfeld funeral home. Johnson stated that they worked this past weekend clearing snow on all the properties with the empty lots, trails, city park and the cemetery.

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment: 5:24pm Jorgenson moved, all aye

Next Meeting: February 19th, 2024