

## February 24, 2020 Park & Recreation Minutes

Park Board Members Present: Jill Papesh, Robert Peters, Jacquilen Strandberg, Dan Voce and Carla Vita

Park Board Members Absent: Blake Broding, Travis Koenen

Others in attendance: Bob Gerold and Jules Zimmer

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Motion by Peters, seconded by Strandberg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

Gerold informed the Board that City Staff is pursuing a grant from AARP for park equipment focused for Older Adults. Two locations have been identified: North side of the library and Civic Center Park. Both have sidewalks for accessibility. The grants are 100% funded with no match required.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Vita to pursue the grant to enhance the Park System.

Voce recommended that the City promote snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Hillesheim briefly came to the meeting to inform that last year 76 people used the kayak/canoe opportunities in Riverside Park.

Papesh stated that the City's park system has a variety of park equipment for a variety of people – dog park – those with dogs; handicap swing for those in a wheelchair; Mom and baby swing, etc. Innovative and different elements to the parks is important.

4. Reports by Staff

- a. Mark Park  
None.

- b. Splash Park

Gerold stated that Splash Park manager will be at the Expo next month promoting the activity.

- c. Riverside Park

Gerold educated that the City Council approved the engineer that would assist with the trail improvements and other grant items. The engineering will complete GIS mapping for the camp sites and vaulted toilets among many other items.

Work on the fishing pier continues. The Princeton Rotary contributed towards the costs of the pier. Pilings and deck are complete. Railings are being completed and will be removable for the bounce of the river. General conversation on how to respond to vandalism on the fishing pier.

d. Rainbow Park

Gerold informed that the park has been a location for snow storage. Papesh inquired to the plan to remove the trash within the snow. Are any local groups or organizations working to assist in the cleanup. Conversation on a variety of groups including coordinating with the schools to assist in clean-up.

e. Riebe Park

Gerold informed as a part of the Engineer that is working on Riverside Park is also assisting with Riebe Park.

f. Pioneer Park

Gerold has placed a bid for a cross-country trail groomer. Voce informed that defined trails is important. Gerold also plans to work on noxious bushes as weather and time allows.

g. Riverview Terrace Nature Park

No updates.

h. Civic Center Park

Gerold informed that the Mayor would like the Park and Recreation Board to investigate a new playground for Civic Center Park. The park has seen use significantly increase in use with the Civic Center upgrades and subsequent use of the building increasing. Gerold offered an idea of reallocation of funds for shade umbrellas that was planned for Mark Park to be used for the park equipment. Gerold also stated that his department would build the equipment in order to save the costs of hiring an installation company.

Conversation took place on all the park elements, space and use currently at the park.

Motion by Strandberg, seconded by Papesh to allocate funds from the Splash Park Shade umbrellas to the Civic Center Park for new park equipment. Furthermore, a motion by Voce, seconded by Papesh to have local children to participate in the ground-breaking of the equipment.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Miscellaneous

None.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Voce, second by Strandberg to adjourn. Adjournment at 6:47pm.