



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken

The meeting started off by reviewing the meeting minutes from the November and December meeting. Mike made a motion to approve the November and December minutes. Matt seconded. All were in favor.

Mike asked about the township money not being included in our budget. We thought it always had been. The cash balance is \$99,770, but then when we look closer it says we have 2% remaining. Mike thought that would go into next year's budget. Mike said we paid down our budget to \$3,155 but we got 65,000. Mike wants to know where the \$99,000 is, what is that appropriated to? Tammy told us we couldn't pay for that field because we didn't have the money. Why can't we reappropriate \$25,000? We are just trying to understand this issue.

Matt made a motion to approve finances, Mike second.

Board Roles

Election of board officers was tabled to February due to not all members being present.

2022 projects

We need to figure out a plan for the ballfields at 5th street. Shading and netting need to be addressed. Mike is going to take the lead on this and will also take care of the restroom building/storage project for the boys' field.

Jill said she would continue to take care of the tree maintenance, etc. Tom said they may add a few in the openings in the old town lake. Might consider putting more at 18th street where so many are getting taken down. Tom said where you go across the big bridge onto the spillway would be a nice area to have trees there.

Matt will lead the effort on the old town lake restroom projects.

Also over by the sidewalk close to the kayak lake, we need to get some mature trees there.



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We talked about a 2-year plan for mowers. Tom said the mowers are going to be in better shape than the Kubota, it's 22 years old and on its last leg. It is used just for the parks. Tom isn't saying we couldn't team up with the town or street department to maybe help with cost since they use it some. The town gets a 20% discount and no sales tax - the Kubota was a diesel. We could get a cheaper one if it's not diesel. The Toolcat is in good shape.

Leases

Mike said he doesn't see a need to change any of the rates. We need to address the 3-up 3-down tourney. We charged them the whole rate but might need to cut it back to field rates since Tammy rented out the shelter houses. Mike will invite all the leagues to come to the February meeting. Mike did an expectations list. He is going to dig that out.

Dragons of the Realm will take place May 14-15, Rosenvolk is on as far as we know for October 21-23. Their permanent place is off of the books, we haven't heard from them since August 11.

The girl's fields look good and they have been practicing.

Möbel donated \$3000 for the scoreboard. The 16x10 is \$4288.15. One with the timer is \$5779. Usually umpires use their phones or hand timer. We need to talk to leagues to see if they are interested. Amy Weyer has reached out to Best Home Furnishings to see if they would be interested in helping with girls scoreboard. We need to replace what we have with a LED version. We are not sure if we need a handheld controller. We have a wireless one but will they talk to each other. Matt will reach out to Todd about the controller. Nevco might know what we have. The board approved the purchase of the 16'x10' scoreboard.

We need to talk to the leagues about the other 3 fields.

Sundial project - She is asking for \$600 for her project. Matt likes her solution to make it more durable, but we do not want to provide funding for Eagle Scout projects. We can help with material or labor but not provide funding. We will table it until next month.

Tom said they will put the flagpole in soon. Tom wants to get it out within the next week or two. Tom said he would be a 3ft concrete slope around flagpole for now. We will have a sign and the light will shine right up the pole.

Pickleball net - Mike thinks we should get two of them that are assembled and are on wheels. Mike will do some research. If Mike sends Tom a link, can he order it? Tom said yes. There is plenty of sideline to push them out of the way so people can still play basketball.



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The chalkboard at 18th street park needs to go. Mike sent an email on July 8 to Chris James but never heard back. He will follow up and give him until the end of the month or it's coming down.

The kayak launch will be up this spring.

Matt made a motion to adjourn, Mike second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm. Next meeting will be Feb. 9 at 4:30 pm

Minutes submitted on 9 February 2022

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