



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2021

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

The meeting started at 4:52 pm. The board read over the minutes from the February meeting. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, Jill seconded, all were in favor. The board read over the finances. Matt made a motion to approve the finances, Mike seconded, all were in favor.

Leases

Chris James has an idea for the summer program. He is presenting some ideas to the town council first.

We haven't heard anything from the Rosenvolk people about the Dragon Fest.

The girls' softball league turned in their paperwork. The Boys have not yet. Boys practice starts next week.

Jared Kerber asked if we are going to open up the restroom at the soccer field. We will get those opened. The board requested to go ahead and open the restrooms at the fields.

General

The Park Board took a moment at the beginning of the meeting to acknowledge two citizens of the community who've made a lasting impact on the Ferdinand Parks. Since the last meeting, both Marvin 'Baldy' Weyer and Clem Lange have passed away. Over the past few decades, both Marvin and Clem (and their families) were extremely committed to the parks—providing support in so many ways to countless projects at all three of our parks. The town and the park board are extremely grateful to the families of these two men for their generosity and support over the years.

Best Home Furnishings wants to do something for Baldy in his name. Clint Weyer and Tom briefly spoke. One idea was maybe to furnish tables for shelter house in Baldy's name.



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COVID-19 items

Cleaning Concepts is still doing our cleaning. As we open up it will go back on the town to clean. Tom will be doing a lot of cleaning leaves, etc. Brian will need to start mowing and start mowing the soccer field. Need to pay Brian more. Mike made a motion to bump Brian's pay from \$12.00 to \$12.50, Matt seconded and all were in favor.

18th Street Park

We need to start thinking about park leases to travel leagues and people wanting to rent for 1 practice at a time. We need to set a rate per time or minimal amount. As of now they show up first come, first serve. Jill will look into some type of software to keep track of this. It was also noted that people have been using the ball outfield for a dog park.

Tom talked with Ronnie Drew about the basketball court. Ronnie recommended some seal coat guy. We will try to get a quote from him.

Tom is taking first from the old town lake and filling in holes where trees have been removed along the walking path. He has 6 trees left to take down. There are some dead ash trees that are a safety issue.

5th Street Park

Batting cage netting is up. The pump is there for the sprinklers but Roger has been gone working on a water break. Sprinklers need to be turned on soon.

No work from Mobil on any money.

Old Town Lake

We will leave the porta potties at the OTL until further notice.

Brandon Betz says it is still too wet to do anything yet. The lake is low. Matt sent kayak launch options. We received park sign information from Alvey's. Should be exactly what we have at 18th street park. Miles Welp budgeted \$700/\$800 for his materials. We will supply posts and put it up for him. Mike made a motion to proceed with Alvey's sign, Jill seconded, all were in favor. Matt said he will get this going.

Bench plaques are installed. Matt reached out to Brenda Buechler about a plaque, as we have an opening for one.



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Restroom is budgeted for \$102,000. Matt said if we want to cut costs, we could move it to a one person restroom. We discussed and thought it would be good to leave it as is. We will inform the council we want to build the restroom and ask them if they have any ideas on how we can get extra money. Matt will take this to council.

We have not heard anything from Gavin Kieper.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 pm. Next meeting will be April 14th at 4:30 pm.

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Ralph Leuken asked why we have been cutting down the gum trees. He was concerned that it would take many years for the new trees to grow. We have 6 left to cut down.

Old Town Lake

We need to buy a floating pier for the kayak launch. There are old curbs in the area around the kayak launch that we need to address.

Matt said the restroom/storage building will cost around \$102,000. We have 40% of this so far. We can save on the roof by using split face or shingles. We are spending \$3500 a year on porta potties. ~~Fammy thinks we can swing this, Matt will take to council:~~ ^{MA} The board collectively expressed that they did not perceive the value engineering savings options weren't really worth minimizing the design.

Matt has heard nothing back from Alvey's sign. They are supposed to be getting him information about signs for OTL. Miles Welp is still on board to complete his project. Gavin Kieper is pushing his project off until March; solar lights on or in front of the bridges. We want to see his plan.

RG Mechanical gave a good price on plumbing. The lake was lowered on Jan. 14. We have three plaques for the benches.

Tom said the bird netting needs to be put up and put a stainless screen around the vent.

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