



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021

### Attendees:

Matthew Weyer  
Mike Steffe  
Natalie Howard  
Jill Schipp  
Tom Lueken  
Kyle Greulich  
Jeff Warren  
Evan Daunhauer

The meeting started at 4:30 pm.

We started the meeting off by asking Craig and Jeff what their needs are for 5th street park girls softball fields and concessions.

1. Fix or replace the metal door. Someone cut their leg on a piece of metal that was sticking out at the bottom.
2. Netting above the bleachers needs to be replaced. There are holes and balls come through and we are afraid they will hit someone. Possibly vertical netting. Need to know how high and if it will work with the existing fence. Need some kind of protection by the concession stand. Sunshades would be ideal and won't sag. PRE has some goot netting. A challenge could be that we make sure not to block the upper area of the concession stand. Mike said he spoke with Anchor and they do sunshades not netting. USA shade has a lot of options.
3. Dirt work - Mike said the big girls field has some foul grass areas that need to be looked at. Craig and Jeff need to talk with their board about it and Mike could get Andy from Tenbarga to come and look at it. The dirt and grass need to have no offset at any field. There is drainage tile in place but the more dirt you add the worse it gets.
4. The league brought up the concern with locks and keys and distributing them amongst coaches.
5. Wish list - grilling area similar to boys. Mike asked how much the girls softball league would be willing to give for these improvements. Softball board will discuss and get back with us.

### Boys Little League



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1. Their BIG wish is an indoor hitting facility. With teams wanting to practice from November through February what we have not is not working as the high school facility is constantly booked. If we had a facility they could get in and practice. Would like for it to be 40 x 70 and would build off of the back access road area.
2. Numbers are growing in the little league program and they will be moving all tourneys from Pine Ridge to only Ferdinand next year.
3. Brady Gunselman ran out of time to work on the big field. They want to take the grass out of the infield and use temporary mounds on all fields. The board would like to discuss any changes made on the field.

### **Evan Daunhauer**

Evan wants to know where his property actually ends and the park begins. He wants to plant trees and the GIS doesn't seem to be correct. Tom will have to talk with Sharon to see if it will be ok for him to plant trees. Evan would plan to his right of way and would maintain the trees and mow around them. Evan asked if they could tear the rest of the trees down if he plants 7-10 trees. The trees are a type of pine tree and will grow in a cone shape. We need to clarify the property line. Evan will call Sharon as well.

### **Meeting Minutes & Finances**

The board read over the minutes from the July meeting. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike seconded, all were in favor. The board read over the finances. Mike questioned a \$3100 charge. Tom said he would check on it. Mike made a motion to approve the finances as long as Tom finds out why we were charged \$3100. Jill seconded, all were in favor.

### **COVID-19 items**

Per the direction of the town council, cleaning of shelter house services will be done by the park employees on a weekly basis as well as before and after weekend events. Our parks are going back to operating like they did pre-covid. There will be an ARPA meeting about COVID funding. Matt wants to address about our additional cleaning we will have to do. The meeting is August 23 at 6:30 at the town hall.

### **Old Town Lake**



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We are still trying to figure out what to do for BALdy Weyer. Picnic tables will cost around \$1500 per table. The shelter house holds around 5-6 tables. Jill will call Best and check on this. Matt says we need to get the price appropriately.

Alumni from the Academy would like to do something out at the old town lake.

Girls Scout Bethany said they are looking at making a pollinating habitat, which is a pollen area to attract bees. Could possibly put this around where the new restrooms are going.

Kayak launch has been delivered.

Natalie mentioned maybe having buckets or passing them around at the Folk Fest to raise some money for the old town lake projects. Matt will check to see if we can do this.

### **18th Street Park**

Todd Fischer said that we need a controller for the scoreboard. One did not come with it as Forest Park kept it to use for their new scoreboard. If we want a wireless, handheld controller and case it will cost around \$1110.00. Matt made a motion to purchase a new controller, Natalie seconded, all were in favor.

Ronnie Drew is having trouble getting resurface material for the basketball court.

### **Other news**

Last month Matt emailed information about electronic meetings. It stated that 2 persons could be out and participate via zoom for our meeting. Matt made a motion for electronic participation, Mike seconded, all were in favor.

We would like to know if we received any money from the budget hearing.

The food truck ordinances were agreeable.

Chris James said the sprinklers were finally back in order after 3 years.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 pm, Natalie seconded. Next meeting will be September 8 at 4:30 pm.



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Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded. The meeting ended at 6:20 pm.

Minutes submitted on 10 August 2021

Matthew Weyer

*Natalee Hunt*