



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2020

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. The board read over the minutes from the October meeting. Mike made a motion to approve, Jill seconded, all in favor. Reviewed finances from the October meeting. Matt made a motion to approve, Natalie seconded, all in favor.

Jenna Steltenpohl wants to do another library story walk until November 14th. The board approved this.

Black Friday there will be a disc golf tournament. You will play on your own time. It is a fundraiser.

COVID-19 items

Matt talked to Chris about sanitation and they talked about keeping it going until the end of the year. Need to have one restroom at both parks open. Kitchens have been winterized. Tom checked all concession stands and they are in good condition.

Matt talked to Sharon about COVID signs. She wants to keep them up until the end of the year. He talked with Chris about getting new signs.

Shelter house rentals will be limited to either 25 or 50 people depending on which stage we are in.

5th Street Little League Fields

Brady Gunselman will start on basic field work starting in the spring. Matt talked with Paul Ruhe with the Mobel Foundation about our ideas and he is on board. He is going to share what we presented to his board.

Old Town Lake

Jill called All Star sports and they said Brad was in quarantine. They think we will get between \$1200-\$1300. Jill will call back in a few weeks. Jill did get the koozies and gave them to all donors.



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We have all benches spoken for. Liz Tretter, Tammy Miller and Julie Becher made up the last of them. There is a bench at 18th street park around the disc golf course that could be an option.

Squirrels are eating the plastic on the back of the benches. We could use some kind of stuff they use for horses in a horse stall to keep them from chewing on things. Tom is going to

Jim Mehling and Sue Ellesperman donated \$5,000. Glen and Sue Lange gave \$15,000 for the kayak launch. Paul Messmer gave \$250, Andy and Sue Hasenour gave \$50.

Fishing Pier - The cost for the pier went up around \$14,000. Given that we have the funds available and the donations, Matt made a motion to go ahead and proceed with the pier and Kayak launch building. Mike seconded. All were in favor. Tom will oversee the project and they will build the pier as per drawings.

We will leave the porta potties at their locations until winter.

Matt is still working on restroom building. Brandon Betz said he will look at a cheaper roof and come up with some ideas.

5th street park

Alex Mlsna wants to plant trees at the soccer fields for more shade. This is a great idea, so we will need to talk with Masterbrand for approval. Alex said soccer could help with the cost of this project. Planting trees would also help with parking. We could stake the trees to keep them safe.

The water issue ended up being caused from the ditch being so full from trash, wood, grass clippings. Tom had to clean the ditch line so water would run. It took 3 loads of dirt to fill the football field to fill the low spots.

He opened up the seepage tile along the football field. So much water runs off the farm field.

Trees at 18th Street Park on 20th street trees will be removed once leaves all fall off. They will take every other tree out.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes submitted on 9 December 2020

Natalie Howard