

Park Board Minutes 11-26-2018

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Kate Martinez as the new chairperson due to the resignation of Len Zierke from the park board.

Motion made and approved to accept the agenda after additions were made.

Motion made and approved to accept the minutes of the October 29th meeting.

Kate gave an update on the community benches. The council gave \$5000 to this project. The VFW has also committed to a donation, but the exact dollar amount will not be known until after their next meeting. At this time the board decided not to request any further donations toward this project. It is hoped that with this amount we will be able to receive a grant making it possible to get three benches. Kate will go ahead with the grant writing and we will find out in March how much we will get.

Discussion was held regarding the swimming pool. Kate will attempt to put together a committee of interested persons to review the material on hand regarding this project. She also has found a contact person for requesting funding from the Jennie-O family. She will contact them in the hopes that they will be agreeable to helping fund this like they did in Wilmar.

It was brought up that the flower beds around town did not get cleaned out this fall. Brian states that he is still planning to start an adopt a flower bed project in the spring which should alleviate this problem next year.

Brian brought a number of slides showing the great monuments other area towns have for veterans. The park board is in favor of getting something in place in Veterans Park to honor past and future veterans. He will present the slides to the VFW and put together a committee to come up with a plan toward this which can be presented to the park board at a later date for approval. Kate brought up the sign across the street from the Veterans park. It is looking shabby. Discussion was held to again talk to the current owners of that piece of property with the hopes that they will donate it to the city. This area could then be cleaned up and left as a green area. Judi will contact the owners to request the donation.

Brian states that the ice skating rink is up and he is waiting for cold weather to open it. He states that there have been some applications for rink attendants.

Don presented information on the Bikable Community workshop that will be given by Patrick Hollister from the Partnership for Health. Kate will be our main contact for this. Judi and Van also volunteered to attend the presentation. Don requested that if other community members are interested to let him know. Don also showed some of the possible lay outs of the new bike lanes which will be included in the MDOT project in 2024.

Judi reviewed the letter written to the council in support of the Historic City Hall Committee. Motion was made and seconded to present this at the meeting tomorrow evening. Wayne Runnigen will present it with the other items he has put together.

Discussion was held as to future meeting time. Kate voiced that the 0800 meeting time is not very convenient for persons wanting to serve on the park board if they work. Motion was made and seconded to change the meeting time to 1730. The next meeting will be January 28, 2019 at the city hall.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.