

Park Board Minutes January 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Kate. Present at the meeting were Kate Martinez, Judith Engebretson, Brian Olson, Don Solga, and new members Amy King and Amber Lindberg. The minutes from the November meeting were approved. No additions or deletions were added to the agenda

Kate gave an update on the community benches project. Per the wording in the grant, these benches need to be placed in a spot where there are benches now. They will replace the current benches in front of Strands Hardware, Pelican Drug, and Pelican Pizza. The benches that are currently there will be moved elsewhere. A motion was made by Judi and seconded by Kate to present this plan for approval.

A swimming pool update was presented. The previously projected project was up for display. The committee members will be Irene Arntson, David Gottenborg, Mark Dokken, Amanda Backstrom, Brian Olson, Jackie Larson, and Kate Martinez. Brian stated that we will need a new pool manager for next season.

The flower beds in the parks were discussed. Brian presented the terms of agreement for the adopt a flower bed project. There are 15 beds. This will be presented to the council for approval.

Veterans Park update: Velo's have agreed to donate their land across the street from the park to the city. the council will need to approve payment of legal and appraisal fees for transfer to the city. The lot will be cleaned up and left a green space.

Brian gave an update on the skating rink stating that it has been being used and things are basically going well.

A copy of the Park Board Job description was handed out. Don pointed out that we need to appoint a Vice Chair Person. This will be discussed at a future date.

The Community Bikeable Workshop was discussed. This is coming up the first week in June. More information on this will be coming.

The possibility of summer movie nights was presented by Kate. There has been excellent response to the movie nights this winter that were held at the school. Kate would like them continued through the summer having them in the park. Discussion was held regarding copywrite laws, Kate will check with the library and more discussion will be held later.

Discussion was held regarding designating a park board member to each of the parks for monthly checks. Judi volunteered to do Sherin Park, Kate volunteered to do Brown Field. More discussion on delegates will be held next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding writing up a vision statement projecting what we would like to accomplish and where we would like to see our parks 3 years from now. It was agreed upon that each member will present their thoughts at the next meeting.

Some discussion was held on the projection for Brown field. The city is planning to put up a picnic shelter this spring. Costs for maintenance of this park are split between the city, school,

and soccer league.

Kate reminded park board members that they should feel free to bring up items that they would like to be on the agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be at the City Hall on February 24, 2019 at 5:30p.m.

Judith Engstrom
Secretary