



AGENDA

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 6th, 2023

City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room– 7pm

Present: Dian Christensen-Hills, Aaron Paden, Dan Moran, Wendy Eairleywine, Ashley Washburn, Tammy McKeighan, Justin Zetterman, Nate Schwanke, Nick Hansen, and Jody Sanders.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Moran. The agenda displayed at City Hall, 400 E Military and was distributed to the Park Board, Mayor and City Council on January 30th, 2023 and is open to the public. The open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection.
2. Roll Call: Roll Call showed members Moran, Paden, Washburn, Eairleywine, and Christensen-Hills present. Absent: Giese
3. Open Meeting Law posted for public review.
4. Reading of the Parks & Recreation Board Minutes, January 9th, 2023. Christensen-Hills moved to suspend the reading since the board has read them, seconded by Washburn, to suspend the reading of January 9th minutes. Motion carried. Councilman Moran amended the reading of November 7th, 2022. Christensen-Hills moved to suspend the reading since the board has read them, seconded by Washburn, to suspend the reading of November 7th, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion Justin Zetterman Assistant Director Public Works Johnson Lake Project. Zetterman discussed the idea of possible wetland and permanent pool for water run-off. The project would start on Luther Road and ditches would be widened and allow water to run in to Johnson Lake. There would be a pond overflow channel and the water would be clean water as it travels down Jack Sutton Dr to help with sediments displacement. Zetterman discussed the goal is to help water retention but the project would focus on aesthetics in Johnson Park. Board discussed and had no issues with the project as long as aesthetics was a priority in Johnson Lake. Hansen discussed that the location doesn't interfere with any future plans for that area.
6. Recreation Report – Schwanke
*Recreation report: Schwanke provided an update of winter programs that finished. The list included free skate, bowling, Parents Night Out, and winter wonderland snowmen and winter creations. Schwanke discussed other events coming up in March, April, and May. Schwanke discussed the P&R would like to continue to offer different programs moving forward.
7. Director Report- Hansen

*Auditorium project: Hansen discussed library project tentatively scheduled to be down in November 2023. The library would start moving back over to the renovated library. Hansen discussed some repairs to the sewer lines was being looked at in the auditorium.

*Parks Update- Hansen discussed Parks and Recreation maintenance team was repairing trailers and sprayers to be ready by Spring. Hansen discussed maintenance is demoing Ronin bathhouse urinals and toilets. The electrical has been updated in Ronin bathhouse with masonry, plumbing, and painting scheduled to follow. Hansen discussed merchant terminals need to be installed so the new software can go live. He discussed deposits that are held in the old software have been refunded for garden plots and he'll move to key deposits reimbursement. Hansen discussed that Schwanke and Hansen had a great experience at the Midwest Park and Rec Conference. Hansen discussed numerous networking and workshops was provided through the conference.

*Forestry update

Hansen discussed a possible EDA grant available for forestry services. The grant would help with infrastructure at Wildwood and Hormel Park. The proposed grant was for \$918,000 which includes equipment such as stump grinder, loader, track aerial lift, signage, and a playground.

*Open Positions: Hansen discussed there's and open position as a maintenance worker III for forestry. The board suggested some outlets for possible recruitment.

*Capital Improvement Plan: Hansen discussed the cemetery office is on the final steps of design and will go out for an RFP in February. Hansen discussed that davenport shelter will go back out for bid for just the shelter cost.

8. Next Meeting – Monday, March 6th, 2023, 7pm, City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.
9. Adjournment- Motion was made by Christensen-Hills, seconded by Washburn to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Hansen, Secretary

I, the undersigned, the Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Board, Fremont, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the notice of said meeting of February 6th, 2023 kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Parks & Recreation Office; that such subjects were contained in said notice for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the Park Board of the Parks and Recreation Department, Fremont, Nebraska were in written form and available for public inspection prior to the next convened meeting of said body. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of February, 2023.

Nicholas Hansen, Director of Parks & Recreation February 6th, 2023