



Board Members Present: Megan Lehman, Richard Grugin, Craig Sundell, Marcia Ziemer, Shannon Greene, Jeremy Parrish

Absentees: Amalia Gedney-Lose

Others Present: Shelly Simpson, Tim Hamer, Guy Goldsmith, Brian Motley

Agenda

January 7, 2021

7 p.m., via Zoom

1. Call to Order
 - 7:00 pm by Megan Lehman
2. Approval of Minutes
 - December 3, 2020
 - Motion by Craig Sundell, seconded by Marcia Ziemer, motion carries.
3. Reports
 - Parks Report, Guy Goldsmith
 - Ongoing building maintenance
 - Upcoming projects: Ranshaw House (woodworking enhancements) and installation of security doors at City Hall
 - Snow removal responsibilities and equipment maintenance
 - Continue to meet with Shive Hattery on Ranshaw Way Phase 5 landscaping and pedestrian tunnel as well as Dubuque St. improvements.
 - Red Fern Dog Park closure until May 2021 to help turf grass. New trash receptacles installed.
 - Employee trainings continue through Target Solutions.
 - Tree City USA application and approval – 25 year participant. Helps with other grant opportunities and value City has on nature, trees in community.
 - Trees Please Grant from Mid American application and approval for \$1,000. Trees for Red Fern Dog Park.
 - Budget work; making revisions to FY20/21 budget and capital projects. Marcia asked status of whole city budget. Guy mentioned that Department Heads have submitted operational budgets to City Administration and we have upcoming meeting with City Council. More to come.

- Craig asked if there will be an event or re-opening ceremony for Red Fern Dog Park. Guy mentioned that Angela McConville has taken lead and something will be planned. Megan chimed in she is member of the JCDogPac whom will assist with such event. Shannon asked what is JCDogPac – Johnson County Dog Park Action Committee, they assist fundraising for local dog parks.
 - Richard thanked Parks Dept for plowing Penn Meadows North lot. He is a member of NL Coffee Fossils that meet in parking lot on Mondays & Fridays.
 - Marcia inquired about Parks Dept and Beat the Bitter event. Guy mentioned that it will be nothing like in the past. No ice rink due to limited park staff and its maintenance, upkeep for proper ice surface. Shelly added to look at the beat the bitter website for the most accurate information. Most activities are planned with limited group interaction and fireworks remain a go at Penn Meadows Park.
 - Recreation/Pool Report
 - COVID-19 updated: Rec center continues to plug along, same ole-same ole, use by members through reservations as classes and programs were canceled for the month of December. Continual health checks, wearing of masks and social distancing whenever possible.
 - Indoor Pool re-opened with band-aid fixes to existing heater. Replacement options are being considered, code updates may lead to bigger expenses, not an easy swap in and out situation. Marcia asked about impact on budget. Shelly explained some money has been set aside, capital funds and all funding options will be pursued since it is an item that needs to be replaced.
 - Opening on weekends has been pushed back to February. Facility use is anticipated to increase right after the holidays. Programs, classes are planned to start week of January 18. Brian and staff are comfortable in starting up leagues midJanuary as well. Both Brian & Eric worked together on return to play safety protocol for NLC basketball.
 - Brian mentioned new fitness equipment was installed in weight & exercise area.
4. Next Meeting
- Thursday, February 4 2020 at 7:00pm.
5. Adjourn at 7:21 pm