



Board Members Present: Richard Grugin, Craig Sundell, Marcia Ziemer, Amalia Gedney-Lose, Shannon Greene, Jeremy Parrish

Absentees: Meghan Lehman

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

7:00 p.m., via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

- 7:00 pm by Richard Grugin

2. Approval of Minutes

- February 4th, 2021
- Motion by Craig Sundell, second by Jeremy Parrish. Motion carried.

3. Reports

- Parks Report
 - Time at Ranshaw House finishing trim. Goal is to be out by mid-March.
 - Working with Shive-Hattery on Pool Heating Project
 - Continuing to pick up pet-waste station.
 - Dog park closed at 2 pm on 3/4/21 to help give a break and re-establish good turf grow. Dormant seed was placed last Fall.
 - 1. Jeremy asked about signage explaining what is going on at dog park. Guy confirms that there is a sign up. Working on

permanent signage. Lining up things for a grand opening when it reopens soon.

2. Jeremy recommends adding more bold visualization on the dog park to notify residents.
 3. Shelly asked about barricades at the dog park – will not place barricades as people are allowed to still gather out there because they like the view and to spend time enjoying the area.
 4. Guy voiced concerns about keeping healthy grass at the dog park.
- Equipment maintenance on snow equipment, and seasonal equipment.
 - Considerable time to snow removal to city parking lots, sidewalks, trails, roundabouts and Hwy 965.
 1. Richard gave kudos to the department for snow removal.
 - Continue to work with Kirkwood and other local universities/colleges to hire seasonal help. Some interviews and offers have been completed. Anticipate more applicants. Par is 12 seasonal staff.
 - Shive-Hattery on landscaping on Phase 5 of Ranshaw Way.
 1. Shannon asked about underpass which will be just north of City Hall.
 - Dubuque street enhancements including demo.
 - Finalizing FY 21-22 budget which has been submitted, but a few tweaks being made.
 - Upcoming event is the Muddy Creek Clean Up scheduled for April 10th, at 9 am starting at the Rec Center. Boy/Cub Scouts and tree/storm water board members will participate in addition to City Staff. Asking for any community volunteers.
 - Allowing shelter rentals this year.
 - Splash pads will be open.
- Recreation/Pool Report
- Opened the rec facility for weekends in February.
 1. Total of 4 weekends so far, which has gone well.
 2. Continue to open little by little.
 - Provide use with social distancing, masking and safety protocols in place. It has been a slow transition, which has added to questioning from the public.
 - Hit a bump in the road 2/22 which was caused by a snow load on the roof. It caused damage to the gas lines to some of the roof top units, and the pool unit which is new.

1. Down in the pool area for about 1 day.
 2. Using 2 of the 4 burners of the innovent unit in the pool, the other 2 are isolated and turned off. All rooftop units are off at this point. May feel some temperature changes in the track and exercise areas, but the warmer weather has helped with this.
- There were concerned community members during the “police event” and the rec center helped provide support to house children from local childcare centers and facilitated parent pick up.
 - Facility usage: 230 users per day.
 - BASP numbers are slowly on the uptick but continue to do afterschool only.
 - March swim lessons resumed, with low turnout, likely due to parent having to be in the water with the child.
 - Looking at summer programming. Will open the outdoor pool but unsure to what extent. Considering residents only, residents with memberships and residents, drop in, non-residents, etc.
 - Planning to operate as two separate facilities with separate entrances (indoor versus outdoor pool) – so separating aqua fitness and lap swim indoor, and lessons for kids outdoor.
 1. Biggest concern is locker rooms, common areas, groupings, etc.
 2. Will continue to provide details as more decisions are made.
 3. Craig asked about reduced capacity, research, and spread. Shelly notes that they have been looking at different capacity, tier system, and comfort level for gathering groups of people. This applies to both outdoor and indoor pool use. Working to come up with Plan A, B, etc. While individuals are on the pool deck, in the locker rooms, or going to concessions, they will be expected to wear masks.
- Questions or Concerns
 - Shannon asked about City Staff being vaccinated. The City has sent out a survey to assess interest.
 1. Police and fire are done with their second shot.
 2. BASP staff are anticipated to be in the next tier.
 3. Lifeguards and the remaining staff don’t have a timetable yet.
 - Jeremy reports that Diventures now has face shields for teachers and went away from parents in the pool.
 1. Ashley is aware of this and is evaluating options.

2. Right now, target date to open outdoor pool is 6/12 due to ICCSD school schedule.
 - Jeremy asked about porta-potty placement at certain parks. They will be placed at Centennial, Koser Park, and any other place that does not have a restroom close by.
4. Next Meeting
 - Thursday, April 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm.
5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Amalia, Second by Shannon. Motion carried.