



Board Meeting Minutes

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

Absentees: Amalia Gedney-Lose, Megan Lehman

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

Agenda

April 1, 2021

7 p.m., via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- 7:00 pm by Richard Grudin

2. Approval of Minutes

- March 4, 2021
- Motion by Craig Sundell, seconded by Shannon Greene, motion carries.

3. Reports

- Parks Report, Guy Goldsmith
 - Ongoing building maintenance projects includes the Ranshaw House. All woodwork inside have been completed by Parks Department. Lots of outside work being done by contractors such as paint, windows, ADA ramp, and next steps include seed & turf grass stabilization.

Pool Water Heater Replacement project is also being worked on; numerous meetings and timelines are being set.

Other projects include Ranshaw Way - Phase 5, Dubuque Street Improvements, and City Admin building ideas in conjunction with Police Department site.

- Red Fern Dog Park is closed for turf grass stabilization. Target date of re-opening is June 1.
- Spring landscaping work has begun; many round-a-bouts, right-of ways, parks, and maintained equipment.
- Interviewing for seasonal employees, have 10 out of 12 positions filled.
- Employee trainings included Bucket Truck Rescue on March 24.
- Field Enhancement/Clean Up took place on March 27. Huge thank you to all volunteers and NLCBS. Big task of raking leaves out of fencing.
- Budget work; projects for FY 21/22 include Tennis Court Improvements, including six pickleball courts.
- DNR stocked trout at Liberty Center. Guy included photo of new pipe system used to stock ponds.
- Muddy Creek Clean-Up is scheduled for April 10, 9 am at Rec Center. Volunteers welcome and thanks to Boy Scouts help. Possibly more trash this year since not done last year.
- Richard inquired about Centennial Park. Guy stated work on the road that goes throughout park to be completed. This will lead to parking areas and shelters as next steps. Marcia asked about playground or use closures during construction which Guy was hopeful to limit any closures and avoid any equipment staging on existing lots if at all possible.

- Richard inquired about parks with bathrooms. Guy stated they were getting them ready to open and includes Quail & Penn Meadows Parks. Richard then asked about port-a-potties which have been at Centennial, Koser, and possible other sites in the near future.
- Busy time of year is starting; ballfields, mowing, etc...
- Craig inquired about starting an Adopt or Give Back program to community to help landscaping work and reduce pressure on staff. Guy had liability/safety concerns especially with round-a-bouts and stated he does work with numerous groups such as Boy/Girls Scouts, Schools, Churches, but timing is a bit off.

▪ Recreation/Pool Report

- Shelly reported that work continues to be planned on building repairs due to snow slide and that roof life expectancy is nearing end. Will continue to address concerns/operations.
- Continue to see more and more facility use and start of in-person classes. We are averaging 175 users per day during the week and 78 users per day on weekends.
- In response to question on database; Recdesk can provide numerous reports. Records show that our database is 65% residents, 35% non-residents and totals 12,152 individuals.
- We continue to work on summer programming and progression steps. Hiring of PT staff continues to be complicated. Unclear factors, could be unemployment benefits, starting minimum wage increase, etc...
- Most programming inside dies down, moves outdoors such as baseball/softball.
- Current short session of swim lessons in progress indoors. Summer swim lessons begin June 14th.
- Shannon inquired about baseball/softball and COVID protocol. We stated that NLCBS has had precautions in place last year but not sure what is for certain this year. Brian added being outside masks were not required. I mentioned pool concessions was going to offer pre-packaged foods.
- Guy mentioned splash pad will follow similar pool schedule and open June 12.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.

4. Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00pm.

5. Marcia motioned to adjourn, Jeremy seconded, motion carries.

Adjourn at 7:26 pm