



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

Absentees: Meghan Lehman, Shannon Green

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

7:00 p.m., via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

- 7:02 pm by Richard Grugin.

2. Approval of Minutes

- April 1st, 2021
- Motion by Craig Sundell, second by Amalia Gedney-Lose. Motion carried.

3. Reports

- Parks Report
 - Ranshaw nearing completion, exterior painting completed, now working to do sod.
 - Working with Rec Center pool heater project. Preliminary plans are being discussed for this summer.
 - Structures have new green roofs. When roofers are done, will move to Koser Park.
 - Grounds work in progress – turf grass fertilizer, trimming trees, mowing.

- Dog park seed is coming up, but the cold and dry weather is preventing it from growing at a good pace. Hopefully with more rain and heat. Goal for June 1 reopening.
 1. Marcia asked about certain criteria for re-opening. Guy says ideally dog park would have a year to have well established grass, but this isn't possible so will continue to work with it. Bare minimum is how well the "big dog park" side is doing. If not doing well, will try to open small size.
 2. Richard asked about lighting. Approval was given to bring power into the park. No money budgeted at this time, but will anticipate lighting in the future as a main goal. Will also place security camera to record some activity between humans and dogs. Park will remain a dawn to dusk park.
 3. Jeremy asked about Dog Park Turf and chemicals use on area. Have put fertilizer previously, now putting nature safe fertilizer. Follow it up with Gypsum to help with the dog urine. Anticipate seeding yearly to keep up on it as there is a lot of wear and tear.
- Ball season – NLCBS – practices, weekend tournaments that are busy, nearly every weekend is scheduled for tournaments.
- Community garden site is prepped and people had access starting 5/1/21.
 1. All plots are full.
 2. Considering raised plots to make it more accessible.
- Cracking and settling on the tennis courts remain, looking at long term fix and will do a levelling layer on first, and then cover with fabric to isolate the prior surfaces from new surface. Working with contractors to get something scheduled.
 1. Plan to include pickle ball courts (portable) and possible portable tennis court nets.
 2. Craig asked about base shift on tennis courts. Guy states some might be footings that have lifted. Trying to take 1% slope to a 0.8% slope due to ice skating rink to level out some in the winter.
- Shive Hattery working on Loop Road for Centennial Park
- Forevergreen Train Improvement project is also getting further plans developed
- Muddy Creek Clean up – cold and rainy – but a success. Boy Scouts, Cup Scouts, Tree and Stormwater Board, City Staff and Residents. Collected trash.
- Further Clean Up Projects

1. This Friday, Christian Heritage school will do a clean up at Cornerstone Park.
 2. Penn Meadows will have tree mulching done by students.
 3. 150+ students will be participating.
- City-Wide Clean Up day was a success.
 1. Amalia asked about number of residents to participate, average wait time 20 minutes.
 - Interviewed potential seasonal employees. Anticipate starting after school is out.
 1. Craig asked about candidates -hired and interviewed or still recruiting. Guy states they're all hired.
 - Splash Pad opens Friday before Memorial Day Weekend. New parts ordered and will do test run shortly.
 - June 5th is Free Fish Weekend at Liberty Centre Pond.
- Recreation/Pool Report
- Continued in person activities, adding more in lately
 - Safety protocols remain in place through May (Reservations)
 - Some changes to reservations starting June 1st.
 1. Goal is member use only on first come, first served basis
 - Decrease in usage related to weather improving.
 - Still waiting on word from insurance regarding repairs of gas lines on roof that were previously damaged in storm.
 - BASP – serving 26-30 participants
 - Summer Camp Registration started and are very close (if not already) full at 50 participants per week.
 1. Matt working on flexible plan to roll with changes as the summer progresses.
 2. Craig asked if volunteers were needed at all for summer camps. Set on staff at this time, but there is a program for junior counselors for younger teens who help out.
 - Memberships continue.
 - Starting to see some financial gains compared to this time last year.
 - Marcia asked about summer swim lessons and needing to have an adult in the water with the child.
 1. The parent will not be required to be in the water aside from parent-tot class.
 2. Limiting some distance protocols and decreasing student to instructor ratio.
 - Marcia asked about outdoor pool usage during open swim. Will be member use only, including membership card, first come first

serve up to capacity limit (125 people). Hopeful by June 12th, that the number can be bumped up.

- Amalia asked about decision making for capacity. Numbers will be based on staff comfort and spacing. Last year, took water surface area and divided into 6 foot areas to get max capacity. Would have been 99.
 1. Will not be allowing kid camps to the pool.
 2. Individuals must have at minimum a silver pass for swimming.
- Richard asked about staffing for the pool. Currently, there is adequate staffing.
- Summer slate for activities was recently sent out. RecDesk has rec activities listed.

▪ Questions or Concerns

- Citizen email: Concerned about Liberty Centre Pond and clean up. Asked for signs to residents for cleanup, trash cans, and active ways to discourage littering.
 1. There are 4-6 trash cans around the park (believe 1 by every bench).
 2. Comes down to the individual and their responsibility to keep the area clean.
 3. Less staff also equates to less distribution of time and resources for waste management.
 4. Guy will respond to citizen.
- Craig asked about meeting in person, distanced, for Parks and Rec Meetings.
 1. Shelly asked about this, but all board meetings have remained online. Considering July 1st as potential in person date.
- Jeremy asked about replacement parts for parks. Guy has a process for ordering.
- Marcia told Guy that the bars on the xylophone are switched.

4. Next Meeting

- Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 at 7:00pm.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Marcia Ziemer, Second by Craig Sundell. Motion carried at 7:42pm.