



Board Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2022

Attending: Gwen Johnson, Richard Grugin, Shannon Greene, Kevin Stibal, Jamie Gade

Absent: Jeremy Parrish

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

Agenda

Call to Order: Richard Grugin

- a. Welcome: Jamie Gade, bought into NL in 2020
- b. Returning: Jeremy Parrish
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion: Amy Chen
 - b. Section: Gwen Johnson
3. Reports
 - a. Parks (Guy)
 - i. Building maintenance
 - ii. Equipment maintenance
 - iii. Ball field maintenance (ending)
 - iv. Landscaping
 1. Mowing and trimming and weeding and watering
 2. Amended soils helped the roundabouts and medians
 - v. Forestry
 1. Removed 2 large Ash trees, more declining
 2. No policy for replacement for public space
 3. Sometimes good to thin trees
 4. But do plant a certain number annually
 - vi. Meetings
 1. Shive Hattery: Community Center roof, Dubuque Street, St. Andrews Drive (roundabout warranty)
 2. Staff attended Human Trafficking
 - vii. Maintenance
 1. Centennial Park: speed from 15 to 10 miles an hour Loop Road
 2. Babe Ruth Field: add concrete ramp and roof installed
 3. Waterfall cleaned and enhanced stone
 4. Clean and tidy splash pad daily
 5. Monthly playground inspections, few parts replaced
 6. Buckling of concrete trails due to heat
 7. Penn Meadows wood playground: removed and will fill with turf
 8. New benches at playground near library have phone charges
 9. Removed benches from various parks, sand and replace
 10. Treated ponds to fix algae blooms
 11. New locks on dog park = increased registrations
 - a. Interest in visiting passes
 - b. Desire for water but no utilities now
 - c. Signs helpful

12. Planted 12 trees at West Lakes funded by grant
13. Optimist Club: installed flag display, where the veterans memorial will be permanently
14. Kites event and Free Trout weekend
15. Blues and BBQ this Saturday, flipped stage orientation, trying out layout for eventual amphitheater placement, volunteers maybe on Sunday during teardown
16. Filled all staffing spots with younger candidates, will need more help
17. Trout = more street parking in Liberty Centre pond
18. Tennis courts and pickleball courts holding up well, used daily
 - a. Looking at additional park ground
 - b. Before thoughts about what to put in
 - c. Centennial Park other main goal (design now for Amphitheatre/indoor venue + 5,000 ft² splash pad to apply for Destination Iowa grant)
 - d. Non-profit innovation grants: municipalities qualify? For shovel-ready projects, increasing quality of service or more lowans

b. Pool

- i. Mega-Kites event at Centennial Park
- ii. New Program to rent games and equipment
 1. Overview of what is available to rent
 2. One to two-day rental
 3. Program started last year, mostly internal use last year
 4. Joined with Neighborhood Ambassadors to get them involved
- iii. Meetings
 1. Human Trafficking, Centennial Park Design, Roof Replacement
 2. Roof Replacement: T&K roofing not starting until August 1 due to delays, goal to have done within a month or so
- iv. Fall Programming
 1. Fall activity guide: out in middle July, registration in mid-August
- v. Pool Opening
 1. Outdoor: Swim Lessons, pool rentals, outdoor swim times
 2. Indoor: Lap swimmers, aqua fitness, evening swim lessons
 3. June 26: outdoor pool had flooding into electrical, dumping bucket down now as a result (closed June 26-28), may replace next week and will be down for a day to do that work
 4. Staffing is comfortable
 5. Extended hours on July 4
- vi. Numbers
 1. Increase 544 individuals, mostly pool passes
 2. About 56 registers for the aqua programs + drop ins
 3. Summer swim lesson session: 323 participants (private fill more group, wouldn't it be more efficient to offer group)
 4. Addendums shows revenues
- vii. League and Sports
 1. 71 tennis lessons
 2. 49 pee wall
 3. 40 blast ball
- viii. Other
 1. Summer camps for children and teens
 2. Tippy Toes Dance: contract program with steady
 3. Senior Connection Lunches: 120 lunches month
 4. Community New Pi picnic lunch with bingo, first time

4. New Business

- a. Restructure board: Amy Chen

- b. Chair: Richard Grugin
 - i. Motion: Kevin Stibel
 - ii. Second: Shannon Greene
- c. Vice Chair: Shannon Greene
 - i. Motion: Kevin Stibel
 - ii. Second: Gwen Johnson
- d. Secretary: Jamie Gade
 - i. Motion: Shannon Greene
 - ii. Second: Gwen Johnson
 - iii. Amy Chen will serve as replacement if Jamie is gone
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of ground cover at dog park
 - b. Angela takes the email for dog park
 - c. Gwen thinks it looks good though
 - d. Other dog parks have three areas, where one always closed
 - i. Do not want this but that means that it will be more used
- 6. Next Meeting
 - a. August 4, 2022
- 7. Adjourn
 - a. Motion: Amy Chen
 - b. Section: Gwen Johnson