



PARK BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Location Council Chambers

Board Members:

___ Vicki Schulte
___ Jodie Whitmore
___ Craig Nelson
___ Monica Shelgren
___ Greg Gellert
___ Jane Kollofski

City Staff:

___ Troy Nemmers, PWD/City Eng.
___ Nick Lardy, S/P Superintendent

Others:

___ CER
___ Radio Station
___ Sentinel

Council Liaison:

___ Randy Lubenow

AGENDA

1. Approve meeting minutes from July 19, 2022
2. Discuss monthly Park Board update
3. CER update
4. Old business:
 - a. Gomsrud Park redevelopment plan update
 - b. Review and recommend approval of updated Parks Policy
5. New business:
6. Other discussion:
7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 20, 2022

PARK BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Vicki Schulte
 Jodie Whitmore
 Craig Nelson
 Monica Shelgren
 Greg Gellert (chair)
 Jane Kollofski

Council Member Present:

Randy Lubenow

Staff Present:

Troy Nemmers, Public Works
Director/City Engineer
 Nick Lardy, Streets/Parks Superintendent

Others Present:

Stephanie Busiahn - CER
 Radio Station
 Sentinel – Brooke Wohlrabe
 Other – Photo Press

Called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

A motion was made by Monica Shelgren to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Jodi Whitmore and carried.

Monthly update: Nick Lardy provided an update on current park staff activities. 3 Donation benches are installed. Mowing slowing, staining park signs, general maintenance.

CER update: Stephanie Busiahn CER Director was unable to attend.

Old Business: Conversation was had concerning concept design drawings for Gomsrud Park renovations. Still in the works. Discussed an event that will be held Aug 7th at the KC Hall to raise funds for some kind of wind break for the dog park during winter use. Council member Lubenow asked status of the shade structures, gazebo, and lights for Vet's park.

New Business: Discussed several 2023 capital improvement ideas for the park system. Craig Nelson made a motion to request the council include the Sylvania Park Bandshell and resurfacing of Veteran's Park basketball and tennis courts. The motion failed as there was not a second approval of the motion. Jodie Whitmore made a motion to request the council include the Sylvania Park Bandshell, Veteran's Park resurfacing, and Gomsrud renovations. Craig Nelson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Derek Hughes, City of Fairmont intern, presented the current park policy. Discussion was had concerning reservations/rental of open shelters. The board was not in favor and would like to leave as is, first come, first served. There was also a recommendation to remove Section 13 (d) concerning banning people that damage shelters from being able to rent again. It will be removed for the final draft.

The group, Kids Just Want to Have Fun, presented the idea of starting a bike share program. They are requesting to use left over funds from the mini-golf project to purchase 5 bikes and docking racks. They are also requesting from the city: include this project under their umbrella of liability insurance, an employee to check software for feedback and complaints, assembly of the bikes, maintenance of the bikes, storage of the bikes and installation of the docking racks. Nick Lardy mentioned storage of the bikes and installation of the docking racks would not be a problem. Other requests will be discussed with Troy Nemmers and Cathy Reynolds. Nick Lardy will follow up with the findings. Overall, the board was in favor of the idea and would like to proceed with the project. Jodie Whitmore made a motion that the park board approves this and to present this to the council for their approval. Vicki Schulte seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Other discussion:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Lardy
Superintendent of Streets and Parks