



# Agenda

Park & Rec Meeting  
Library Meeting Room  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 5:15 PM

**Call to Order** 5:28pm

**Roll Call:** Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Milks, Stasi, Stewart, Taylor

**Attending:** Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgenson, Meska,  
Quorum not met

**Absent:** Milks, Stasi, Stewart, Taylor

## Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting

Motion:	2 <sup>nd</sup> :
Aye:	Nay:

## Memorial Benches – Reaves, Henderson, Sondrol

Johnson contacted Penny Reaves and she stated that it would not be until next season when she could get the funds to purchase the bench for Ace and Zach. Penny explained that they did not have the greatest turnout for the fundraiser and will keep raising more money to make the bench a reality. Johnson met with Missy Rau this month at the complex, as Missy would like to donate a memorial bench in memory of Bob Henderson. Options are laid out for everyone to decide on. Johnson discussed with Dave Sondrol the possibility of placing two new memorial benches. Sondrol said he would like to place at least one bench on the OCAD park downtown. Johnson spoke with OCAD director Deb Howard and they found a suitable place near a tree in the SE corner of the park. Sondrol would like to put this bench there in memory of Roger Schulz. The other bench that Sondrol would like to complete would be in memory of Jerry Bauer, location undecided yet.

## Tree Board – Tree Pruning/Planting

Johnson met with the tree board this month and they went over our planting project scheduled for this coming Wednesday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Johnson and Jeff Milks went around on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to all the 53 locations they planted trees at last year, removed t-posts, and did some trimming. Johnson stated that this is what the Trees Forever Board wants to see that we are following up and conducting proper maintenance to the trees that we planted 2-3 years out. Johnson stated that it is important to train the trees so that they do not branch out low as so many trees are in the boulevards. Johnson stated that while they did the street tree survey with the DNR they realized how many trees were branching off at a low area, which makes the tree susceptible to breaking of easily in storm events. Johnson stated that all the trees that they planted last year did great and survived their first year.

Johnson is completing the Trees Forever grant for next cycle to send out by the end of the month. This would be for another tree planting next fall if they are funded. Johnson stated that the employees are dropping some ash trees at City Park near the airplane that were all infected with EAB.

### **Park and Recreation Master Plan**

Johnson has been compiling the information that he has collected from the park and rec board to create the park and rec master plan the past two years. Johnson asked the board for their input on the different levels of long term planning laid out before them. Johnson told the board to review what they want to see with parks and recreation and they can discuss next meeting.

### **Parks/Cemetery Report**

This month in the parks, the employees complete their daily disinfecting of the shop, equipment and trucks. Tab Sly painted the flagpole base and the podium on the south side of the cemetery. The park employees poured a new sidewalk at City Hall that will go to the old police dept. side of the building. The Faith Discipleship group is painting picnic tables at the Campground that we received the paint through a Diamond Vogel grant we received. The City received 6 gallons which it is a brand specific grant and no one in town carries the brand, the guys went through it quickly at Johnson bought another 6 gallons for the guys.

Johnson received the check for \$8,818 from the RJ McElroy Foundation to replace the playground that we lost in the March tornado at Red gate Park. This will be a new children's double swing and a new stainless steel slide. Stainless steel slide are important because they help children with cochlear implants. The plastic slide build up static electricity when the children slide down them and make it uncomfortable for them to enjoy the slide. The swings set will have a double swing that will have the infant swings. These are being ordered immediately and will be installed in the springtime. The park employees have been working at Platt Park framing up the new foundation for the smaller shelter up front by the playground. This will include a new sidewalk to the existing sidewalk that traverses to the retirement home. We will also be installing a drinking fountain along this new sidewalk, as there currently is not any water fountains in this park.

The employees have been walking through downtown every morning picking up trash and cleaning bathrooms as well. I met with a student (Jane Cue) at Red gate Park that is interested in completing her senior seminar project there. I suggested that she could paint the three smaller shelters and plant a few trees at the park. I talked to Travis Manske from Corner Market and he will donate two trees for her to plant at the park as well.

Jay and Clark have been dragging and marking the diamonds at Wings as this the last week for that and the employees mowed the complex and emptied garbage cans for soccer and football games. I received a quote for the shelter/bathroom project at Red gate Park and expecting a second anytime. Still waiting on the quotes for the plumbing and electrical from contractors for that project. Johnson met with Larry Steffen at City Park for a second quote for the electrical project.

At the cemetery, the employees are extremely busy with five full burials and one cremation this past week. They have two cremations this week and an infant burial. Dave Sondrol donated three oak trees that were planted on the SW corner of Woodlawn cemetery where the bushes were damaged and removed. The trees were planted away from the intersections to keep visibility high as the previous bushes really hindered the visibility in that area.

The park employees took down the batting net at diamond 3 at Wings and pulled bags on all diamonds, as the softball league is complete. Jay replaced a couple outlets at the campground that are changed every year. Campground is closed up for the year as the employees were winterizing it today. Johnson stated that all the bathrooms have been winterized, and the complex is the last to be done as they had rec programs this weekend and the school does the majority of the winterizing.

Johnson has been talking with homeowners to get easements for future trail segments. Committee members are looking at different segments to complete for future trail development. Waiting on railroad to grant easement to complete the next segment, Johnson is meeting with Biederman in the morning to go over future trail segments.

### **Recreation Report**

Burkhart stated that in the first week of October they had the healthiest state walk at City Park. Burkhart will have the Little League fundraiser and still has spots open. T's bbq will be there and will be starting at 5am on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Burkhart stated that this was the last weekend for flag football and soccer. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dodgeball registrations are going out this week. Women's volleyball are playing on Wednesdays. Disinfection of the wellness facility is ongoing as they are seeing higher usage due to cold weather. Burkhart talked about the governor extending the social distancing proclamation that includes wellness facilities. Burkhart stated that they are working on acquiring additional corporate memberships for the wellness center as well.

**Board Member Updates - None**

**Adjournment 5:45pm**

**Next Meeting: Nov. 16, 2020**