



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting
City Hall

August 16th, 2021 - 5:15 PM

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Call to Order: 5:37pm

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

Attending: Burkhart, Cantrell, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi, Stewart by phone

Absent: Gearhart, Taylor

Approval of Minutes

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the July 19th, 2021 meeting

Motion:	Meska	2 nd :	Jorgensen
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Park and Recreation Commission Reduction

- Consideration of a motion reducing the Park and Recreation Commission from 7-member board to a 5-member board.

Johnson provided the board with a copy of their attendance record for the last year and discussed that they need to depend on the board members to attend the monthly meetings to keep projects moving. Discussion about reducing the board to a 5-person board went on, considering waiting until terms expired in May. Stewart stated that it would be tough for him to leave the board but stated that he has not been able to attend many meetings this year and would be willing to leave. Meska stated that he does not want to kick the can down the road any further with not having enough people to show so decisions can be made. Meska motioned that the board vote to keep the status quo until November then start the year with a 5-person board.

Motion:	Meska	2 nd :	Stasi
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Woodlawn Cemetery 3rd Street

- Consideration of a motion turning 3rd St. into green space.

Johnson stated that the road is not used much and is not a necessary road for operation. Johnson stated that the cost of maintaining this road outweigh the benefits of keeping the road. Johnson stated that the road would cost \$2,782.50 to maintenance quoted by Prairie Road Builders. Johnson stated that the City does have money for seal coating roads at the Cemetery and waiting to see when the street department will do some streets this fall.

Motion:	Jorgensen	2 nd :	Meska
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

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John & Patty Clark Bench Headstone

- Consideration of a motion approving a memorial bench head stone for John and Patty Clark.

Johnson stated that the board would be making decisions on monuments that are not the typical headstone. The stone presented is a granite bench from Jamison Schmitz funeral home that would be within the dimensions to stand on the existing foundation that the Clarks have already poured in place.

Motion:	Jorgensen	2 nd :	Meska
Aye:	All	Nay:	None

Recreation Update

Burkhart stated that they got the rest of the little league pictures and are handing them out. In July, Burkhart had a kickball meeting and left it open to all ages and it worked well. They had games on the diamonds to use the facilities more. Burkhart stated that men's league finished in July and had their tournament the first two weeks in August. Burkhart stated that the applications are going out for flag football grades 1-6, volleyball grades 3-6, and kindergarten soccer are going out the first day of school. Burkhart stated classes or picking up at the wellness center. They are looking for a yoga instructor to teach classes. Burkhart stated they cleaned the fitness room and Angela Weepie held yoga in the park. The next event will be tai chi on the 21st on the trail. Burkhart stated that they would have a rock-painting event and a walk with a progressive meal as they move along. Grant money is anticipated for the event. Burkhart stated she gave information to the auditor last week and with school starting the after school program starting. Burkhart stated that they are working with the school on their memberships as well.

Aquatics Update

Johnson notified the board that this would be the last full week of operation at the aquatic facility. Johnson stated that they received a final shipment of acid to carry them through the season at the beginning of the month. Johnson stated that the facility would host the dog dip on Sunday the 22nd during the final hours of the day. Johnson stated that season went great overall, which they had to start with all new staff along with managers as well. Johnson stated that all swim lessons have concluded and they have three more rentals this season. Johnson stated that the new stainless steel gutters arrived for the pool perimeter and will be installed once after the season ends. Johnson also stated that the shelter would start at the pool facility this month so that people can use it for party rentals. Johnson stated that he is working on the permit for the IDPH for the filter project that would be part of the next bond project if approved. The filter project will include removal of the existing 25-year-old filter, replacing in with a new filter with glass media. In addition, this would include installation of two holding tanks to backflush to and a discharge line run to the sanitary sewer.

Tree Board Update

Johnson stated that the tree board met this month at the park shop to go over their fall planting. Johnson stated that he tasked the board to each find enough locations to plant the 53 trees that they have coming to plant in the street right of way. This tree planting will take place in the middle of October and Johnson told the board that they are all invited to participate.

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Trails Update

- Presentation

Johnson gave a power point presentation to the board covering segments 2 & 3 of the Oelwein municipal Urban Trail System. Johnson stated that he presented a similar presentation to the Rotary club last Monday. On Tuesday evening Johnson travelled to the Fayette County Conservation Department by West Union and presented our REAP project for grant funding. With the REAP grant the county needs to approve the proposal than it can be sent to the DNR for review. This year the DNR switched to an online program that they launched the month that it was due so I have been working on transferring the data over to the new format.

- Consideration of a motion approving Segments 2 & 3 of the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail.

Motion: Meska

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Parks/Cemetery Update

This week in the park department, the rangers have been mowing and trimming all the properties. Jay has been working on some maintenance with one of the cemetery mowers, the PTO was not engaging. The new skid loader had a bent rim upon arrival and was leaking so Jay took it to get fixed as well. Jay also repaired the bike fixit station at Wings Park that was vandalized this summer. At Wings Jay is wrapping up grinding the stumps from the dead ash trees that we removed a few weeks ago.

At Redgate Park, Miller Construction poured the sidewalks around the bathroom area and the short section from the shelter to the playground equipment. At Redgate, the plumber has finished what he can do. Johnson said the City is waiting on the partitions to be installed as we are hoping to wrap this project up very soon. Johnson stated that they would add rock on the east side of the northbound lane to add some much needed parking area.

With the storms that blew through this week, we had a large branch fall and hang on a power line at the campground. We called Alliant Energy and they were able to send a truck out to get the branch cut off the line so we could drag it away. This week we received new stenciling for the truck to promote our website that has all our program information posted on it.

This week Johnson asked Transco if they would be able to help us with some railroad ties to freshen up the bocce ball court and they came through, donating several ties. Johnson stated that in May with the United Day of Caring all the smaller shelters had been painted by Transco and that Dan Ohl is painting the wording on the memorial plaques right now. Johnson stated that they are spending some extra time working on Redgate Park making it look its best for Italian/heritage Days this coming weekend. Johnson stated that they would also be taking extra picnic tables and garbage cans to Redgate and will also take picnic tables to the airport for the annual EAA Young Eagles Flight Rally.

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment – 6:37pm

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2021