



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

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May 17, 2020 - 4:30 PM

Call to Order: Berryman at 4:35pm

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

Attending: Berryman, Burkhart, Cantrell, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi, Taylor

Absent: Stewart

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the April 20th, 2020 meeting

Motion: Jorgensen 2nd: Meska

Aye: All Nay: None

COVID-19 Discussion:

- **Pool season**

Johnson started the discussion by reviewing some of the main points of his packet that he sent out to board members. Johnson stated that all pools are closed until midnight on May 27th by proclamation of the governor. Johnson stated that he has sat in several meetings with other park and rec members over the internet and taken notes on what other communities are doing with their facilities. Johnson stated in his meeting with the close regional communities it was stated that most of them are shooting for a June 15th opening date if they are allowed. Johnson stated that he has the facility ready to go when needed. Johnson stated that he contacted the company that makes the material that the pool shell is made from and they strongly suggest that the pool be filled regardless to prevent damage to the pool shell from the sun's heat. Johnson stated that he has had the manager keeping in touch with the staff and had them discuss with their parents if they feel comfortable working at the facility this season, and how their parents feel about it. Johnson stated that they had one individual state that their parents did not want their son/daughter working at the pool. Cantrell stated that she had several questions about this topic but they were answered with Johnson's informational packet. Berryman made the motion to fill the pool in anticipation of opening June 15 and following state and CDC guidelines when made available, Meska second, all aye, and no nay.

- **Shelter reservations**

Johnson stated that at this time the city is not taking any reservations as other towns are not taking them as well. Johnson said with disinfection requirements and the state's limits of 10 people per mass gathering; they are not taking reservations at this time.

- **Bathrooms/Drinking fountains**

Johnson stated that he had the employees put all of the bathrooms together in anticipation of turning them on and opening at some point. As of now, all the bathrooms remain closed and drinking fountains are off for COVID-19 precautions. Johnson stated that they have posted informational papers that state social distancing guidelines and that bathrooms and fountains are closed so that people can plan accordingly. Johnson stated that he has that information on the new website as well and updates when they have any changes.

- **Campground**

Johnson stated that on May 6th the governor signed a proclamation that all campgrounds can open on the 8th of May and recited it to board members. Johnson stated that the campground opened for the weekend with the following precautions. Johnson stated that every other pad is blocked with a picnic table to assist with social distancing, that all the pads are not equally spaced. Every camper is handed a flyer on COVID-19 precautions, camping is every other pad, shower house is not open, and no tent camping at this time.

- **Recreation programming**

Burkhart stated that she is going to do what the school does decided on June 1st. Burkhart referenced Nebraska with their guidelines on social distancing, kids providing their own helmets. Burkhart stated that many kids could not even afford the fees for the rec programs. Burkhart stated that coaches are making their own schedules with June 1st practice start, and June 15th games starting if they can., possibly pushing back for fall ball. Gearhart stated that many families would just like some answers. Meska asked about the adult softball season, Burkhart stated that she messaged managers and told them it would be after youth season. Burkhart said that they would likely only have men’s and coed teams this year.

- **Wellness center**

Burkhart stated that they are opening on the 18th and staff has been called back. Burkhart stated that running at 50% capacity so things would look rather normal. The cardio room has been marked off and 10 people at a time in the weight rooms. Some cardio equipment was moved to the gym so they can be used. Taylor asked if they had extra hand sanitizing stations available, Burkhart stated there is one at the front desk and one in the weight rooms. Jorgensen stated that she had a few sanitizer stations available to give. Stasi asked about hours, Burkhart stated that they would be running summer hours. No fitness classes will be offered now and no basketballs and other equipment will be set out.

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Nomination:

Gearhart –Chairperson, Berryman- Vice chairperson, held current stations. Jorgensen nominated Taylor for chairperson and Stasi for Vice chairperson.

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

Parks/Cemetery Report

Johnson stated that they planted a tree in Red Gate Park for Arbor Day this year. The cemetery employees have been busy working on tornado cleanup and completing the mowing. Johnson stated that he got the contractors in for quotes after several weeks of waiting to get the larger headstones reset at Woodlawn. Johnson stated that he really wants to get these stones set before Memorial Day weekend. Johnson stated that foundations have been poured at the cemetery. Johnson stated that the Woodlawn sign project is waiting on supplies, Stewart landscaping poured the new foundation and he is waiting on his supplier. Johnson stated that Lloyd Brown has been busy transplanting trees out of the cemetery tree nursery, and is down to the last two properties to complete. Johnson stated that the park employees did a fantastic job of mulching the entire downtown flowerbeds. The hanging flowers will be put up this week in time for Memorial Day Weekend. Johnson stated that he talked with Jake Blich this week about putting up the flags for this weekend at Woodlawn; they talked about needing to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Johnson stated to the board that he had an incident over the past weekend about a disgruntled citizen. The citizen started screaming at Johnson, cursing at him and physically threatening him. The citizen backed off then got in his truck then started circling Johnson while he was filling up his truck. Johnson got out his phone and the person took off, Johnson stopped at the PD and let them know what happened. Berryman stated that it was unfortunate that that happened and stated he appreciated Johnson’s service to the community.

Recreation Report

Burkhart stated that most of her update was included in the COVID-19 update. Burkhart stated that they are holding a social media 80 miles in 80 days challenge. Burkhart stated that individuals are on the honor system to turn in their runs and some small prizes will be given at the end.

Board Member Updates: None

Adjournment 5:19 pm

Next Meeting: