



Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

Platt Park

Monday May 15th, 2023 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order: 5:19pm

Roll Call: Bouska, Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Garrigus, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Bouska, Burkhart, Gearhart, Johnson, Garrigus, Stasi

Absent: Jorgensen

Approval of Minutes

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the April 17th, 2023, meeting

Motion: Meska

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Recreation Update: Burkhart stated that they were rained out on the 6th and will make up their final soccer game this Saturday. Burkhart stated that they combined their traveling teams into two large teams and that they have interest in blast ball and t-ball with 200 kids signed up for little league. Burkhart stated that she does not have enough teams to have men's adult softball. Meska questioned that there will be no adult softball of any kind, Burkhart said that she only had three teams sign up. Burkhart said that tennis info is going out this week, they are receiving 20 gallons of paint through a grant at the wellness center. Burkhart stated that the 5k route was approved that will start and end in the downtown area.

Trails Update: Johnson stated that they are working on acquiring a property on the east side of the proposed segment two. Johnson stated that the street department went up to 6th Ave NW and unplugged the drainpipe that had an obstruction in that that would be in the area of the proposed trail.

Aquatics Update: Johnson stated that the pool manager is working great with the kids she has signed up for the pool. Johnson stated that the paperwork is almost wrapped up and they sent a group of kids to UNI to get their lifeguarding certifications. Johnson stated another group is headed to West Union this coming weekend to finish their certifications. Johnson shared that they are power spraying the pool now and would like to fill the pool by the end of the week. Johnson stated that parks employees finished the solar umbrella that was donated to the City by ITC. Johnson stated that they will put up the fabric for the shade structures next week and that the license and concessions permit arrived. The boiler was inspected, and backflow prevented inspected, and chemicals ordered.

Tree Board Update Johnson stated that they planted a few oak trees in Platt Park this year for Arbor Day. Johnson stated that a few of the tree board members came for the planted that day.

Parks/Cemetery Update: Johnson stated that the employees took down another ash tree in block 18 at the cemetery as between the two departments have taken down 21 trees this spring so far. Johnson stated the employees chained together picnic tables at Redgate and Platt Park so they will not be moved out anymore. Johnson stated that they poured foundations at the cemetery and finished sodding winter graves and are mowing and trimming everything for the first time. Johnson stated the park employees finished installing the new shade structure on the south side of the pool this spring. The new sign for the cemetery was blasted and painted by Transco and delivered to the cemetery. Johnson said that Craig and Carolyn Rohrick are doing a great job with the campground and that they have been busy. Johnson said the park employees chewed up all the diamonds with the Harley rake and dragged the diamonds and helped set the base anchors. Johnson said all the employees went through CPR and AED training at the library this past month as well. Johnson stated that the basketball hoops at Reidy were removed to pour anchors for the final set of goalsetter hoops to be installed. Johnson stated that they spent an entire Friday power spraying and scrubbing graffiti off the Redgate shelter and the welcome sign on highway 150. Johnson said that previously the employees had power sprayed all the welcome signs, complex sign, and industrial park sign. Johnson stated that they completed that last prescribed prairie burn at Redgate Park this past month.

Johnson said that the pool drain project bidding will come to an end this Thursday. Johnson stated that they picked up 30-ton of crushed limestone to spread at diamonds one and three. Johnson said that the park employees have been cleaning bathrooms up until today as Steve Horan started with his cleaning of bathrooms and shelter reservations. Johnson stated that employees took out the bucket truck and cut down some hangers in the parks with the high wind weather that blew through. Johnson stated that the gas was turned on as they were putting the final touches on the pool facility. A yard hydrant was dug up and repaired at City Park by the employees and diamond three infield fencing was completed. Johnson stated that they poured the foundation for the Latham memorial bench along the trail on 4th street and the sidewalk at the campground. Johnson stated that the employees are mowing all the properties now as they started with just the rec fields. Johnson stated that Dion is working on the downtown areas in the mornings. Johnson provided weekly reports with trail counts, pictures, campground totals and stated they have completed 15 burials and 6 cremations this year thus far.

United Way – Day of Caring May 5th: Johnson stated that on Friday May 5th, they hosted the United Way Day of Caring at most of our properties. At the pool they completed cleaning, power spraying. At several other parks they painted the old playground equipment, bathroom doors and picnic tables. Those at City Park continued to work on the disc golf course, painting and staining various areas. At Platt Park Dave Garrigus and Gregg Bryan help move the large pile of playground fiber around with skid loaders so then the volunteers could finish. Gates and picnic tables and benches were painted at Platt as well. Herb D. sent the utility employees up to help dig in a water line so we can install a drinking fountain in that park once again. At Red Gate, they painted old playground equipment and planted hostas and spread mulch in the parking planters. At Reidy Park, Rise brought some clients up to do some painting and had a blast, Steve Sims helped them have a great time. At Wings Park Dave Garrigus helped again with his skid spreading 30 tons of limestone around diamonds 1 & 3 and the school kids walked the waterways and trails to pick up any garbage. Joe Bouska and Johnson spent a lot of time organizing this event, talking with businesses for donations and lining up volunteers as it was another successful event. Johnson stated that he had

nominated Joe Bouska to receive the governor's volunteer award and that he will be receiving it on June 6th in Cedar Falls, Johnson stated that he appreciates all the work Joe puts into the Day of Caring.

Board Member Updates: Meska stated that he would like to see some pickle ball courts available for the public to utilize.

Adjournment: 5:51pm

Next Meeting: June 19th @ Redgate Park