

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Travis Siebert, Beth Arneberg, Justin Agnew and Reggie Geissler.
Absent: John Abbe and Christopher Gilliam
Staff present: John Jimenez
2. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2023. **Motion by Siebert/Geissler to approve minutes of January 10, 2023. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances by Citizens. None.

John Abbe arrives.

4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. John J. presents renewal application for Farmers' Market at Allen Park from June to October 2023. **Motion by Arneberg/Agnew to approve application for Farmers' Market as presented. Motion passed.**
5. Discuss/Consider
 - a. Flag Hill Update. John J. gives update regarding restroom floor. Samples are coming this week, and then date will be scheduled. Committee as Whole will be meeting to decide on request for ARPA funds to match funds for the grant on February 21.
 - b. Pool Committee Meeting. John J. reports the goal of public forum at this point is simply to be a listening forum. Committee is planning for this to be held in early April. He reports that the committee also discussed concerns regarding financing, staffing, etc.
 - c. Hwy Signage for Irvine Park. John J. contacted the DOT regarding signage on Hwy 53 at Business 29. Discussion regarding current signs on 53 & S and 53 & Bus 29 and placement of potential new signs.
 - d. WPRA Conference Takeaways. John J. and Jack attended the conference and found it beneficial. Jack attended a lot of the aquatic sessions; John attended some and programming sessions.
 - e. Chippewa Store Collaboration. John J. has contacted Chippewa Store regarding printing and selling t-shirts, etc. He expects to hear back from them soon.
 - f. Recreation Report. Jack's prepared report is distributed. No action needed.

Reggie Geissler leaves the meeting.

- g. Director Report. John is meeting with both schools to discuss Casper Park and its operational costs. He met with Turf Tank, which is a robotic field painter. Discussed options and exploring the possibility. Discussed redesign of barns and possibly running electricity to those buildings. Phase

2 of Riverfront includes Allen Park – including pavilion for Farmers' Market and connectivity of path underneath the bridge.

6. Approve Claims. Questions answered regarding claims. **Motion by Siebert/Stowell to approve claims in the amount of \$68,489.19. Motion passed.**
7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Discussion regarding walkway in front of duck pond and extending past the bridge. Also discussed an archway for snowshoe and ski trail, possibly only for winter and/or having different colors for each. Signs are not being found by the users. Board members have received multiple comments on how wonderful the four-season bathroom at Flag Hill is.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Siebert/Abbe to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:
Audrey Stowell, Secretary