

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2023

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Travis Siebert, Beth Arneberg, Heather Martell, Reggie Geissler and John Abbe
Absent: Justin Agnew
Staff present: John Jimenez and Jack Hays
2. Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2023. **Motion by Siebert/Martell to approve minutes of June 13, 2023. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances by Citizens. None.
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. Application by local wrestling club for an outdoor wrestling tournament on July 22, 2023, in Riverfront Park. **Motion by Arneberg/Siebert to approve as presented. Motion passed.**
5. Discuss/Consider
 - a. Marshall Park Tennis Courts. The Board has discussed in the past and there is a proposal to convert the tennis courts to pickle ball courts while maintaining one tennis court. Members of Wednesday Night Tennis League speak to the Board. They play from May to September and strongly encourage the Board to consider keeping at least two courts. Marshall Park is the only place to play tennis in the evening because of the lights. Jimenez has spoken to the Chi Hi Athletic Director regarding the ability to reserve the Chi Hi tennis courts so they would be unlocked when needed but they do not have lights. Jimenez has contacted the contractor and is continuing to gather information and look at all options. Discussion included the need for lights, the current decrepit condition of the courts, and funding.
 - b. Potential Eagle Scout Project at Erickson Park. Jimenez was approached by an eagle scout regarding a potential project. Jimenez proposed an additional trail on the upper part / northwest side of Ashley Lane in Erickson Park.
 - c. Pool Services Proposal. Jimenez has received a couple of general proposals for pool services. Discussion included but not limited to need for a design model, fundraising, and general scope of services. After discussion, **motion by Siebert/Abbe to authorize Jimenez to request council to include cost of feasibility study by Burbach Aquatics as part of ARPA funds. Motion passed.**
 - d. Marshall Park Master Plan Outlook. Jimenez discusses the concept and idea of a fitness playground at Marshall Park. Condition of skate park, overall location and utilization of current amenities discussed. Overall updating of Master Plan is generally supported by members. Tabled and will continue to be an agenda item.

- e. Using Zoo Donations for Hay Bale Spear. Staff has requested a hay bale spear be purchased. Jimenez requests zoo donations be used for the purchase, which he estimates at under \$500. **Motion by Siebert/Martell to purchase hay bale spear using zoo donation funds. Motion passed.**
 - f. Recreation Report. Jack gives recreation report.
 - g. Director Report. Jimenez gives Director report. Jimenez will be meeting this week with the owner of the zoo animals regarding potential changes. Jimenez will also be meeting with Chris regarding Flag Hill. Beth suggests including a plaque in memory of Thorpes at Flag Hill. The July 2 event at Riverside was well attended. A traffic plan has been formulated and will be put in place for next year and other bigger events. Jimenez will be presenting a model house that suits the department's needs to replace the house at Casper Park. Thorpe funds for 2023 will be discussed next meeting.
- 6. Approve Claims. Discussion regarding claims. **Motion by Geissler/Martell to approve claims in the amount of \$62,640.41. Motion passed.**
 - 7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Siebert expresses garbage concerns at Riverfront and his disappointment in the individuals who leave it. It's been an issue but not sure what more we can do if people don't want to use the garbage can that's provided. Arneberg has concerns regarding sand on one of the trails. Next meeting will be our potluck meeting at the Activity Building at Irvine Park.
 - 8. Adjournment. **Motion by Siebert/Abbe to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:
Audrey Stowell, Secretary