



## Parks and Recreation

### Mitchell Park, Recreation & Forestry Board Minutes

10/13/2022 - Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order by Chris Retterath, President of Board at 6:59 PM*

*Present: Chris Retterath, Andy Jerke, Pat Skinner, Luke Norden, Clayton Deuter. Council Liaison: Marty Barington*

*Absent: Austin Havlik, Jeremy Gunkel.*

*Staff present: Kevin Nelson, Kevin DeVries, Angel DeWaard, Steve Roth, Jeremy Nielsen*

#### 2. PUBLIC INPUT - If You Need To Address The Park Board On An Item That Was Not On The Agenda, Excluding Personnel Items, Please Come Forward To The Podium And State Your Name And Concern. Presentations Will Be Limited To Three Minutes. Items Will Be Considered But No Action Will Be Taken At This Time.

#### 3. DELEGATIONS

#### 4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

*Move agenda item #9 up above item #5 old business. Motion Norden, Second Jerke to move agenda item #9 up above item #5 old business. Motion carried.*

#### 5. Discussion On Proposed Fee Changes For Football And Soccer Fields

*Nielsen informed Board current charge is \$35/per field per day for baseball, softball, soccer and football, however it is more expensive to do a football and/or soccer field as it takes about three pails of paint per football field and 2.5 pails of paint per field and with current cost being approximately \$58/gal which equals approximately \$175/per pail so would like to increase per field per day for soccer and football to about \$50. Board questioned if there have been discussion with associations and what exactly they are charged for. Nielsen noted no discussion have taken place yet, however, we paint football field for every home game and for soccer they use one big field and we paint at least four small fields within that and they are only charged for one field. After a brief discussion the Board expressed they would like Nielsen to have conversations with the associations and bring back findings to next months meeting.*

#### 6. Old Business: Secretary/Treasurer Position Acceptance By Pat Skinner

*Board President Retterath informed Board member Skinner that she was officially nominated at the August 11, 2022 meeting as Park Board Secretary/Treasurer, Skinner then officially accepted the position of Park Board Secretary/Treasurer*

#### 7. Approval Of Minutes

*Minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion Deuter, Second Norden to approve the*

September 7, 2022 Minutes as read. Motion carried.

## 8. Approve Financial Reports

Motion Norden, Second Deuter to approve the Bills as submitted. Motion carried with Jerke abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

## 9. Department Reports

Recreation Board Report

September 8<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>

Kevin DeVries

### Programs:

Youth Football wrapped up its season September 29<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated for us all year so that's always a plus. Youth Volleyball also got done on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We ended up having 90 girls this year which is the most we've had in a decade.

We are currently taking registration for our youth basketball program that is the same format as the volleyball program. The High School coaches run the program on Monday evening for both boys and girls and starts on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We are taking registration for Wrestling and tennis as well as DIY programs that start later.

We have cancelled all of the swim lessons through December as the pool will not be ready in time for any of those sessions. We hope to be ready for the January – March lessons.

Todd, Jamie and I will be meeting in the next few weeks on any new programs we could potentially offer. Would like to find some programs to do January – April. If anyone has any ideas let us know.

### Recreation Center:

Even with the pool being closed down our check-in numbers have still stayed the same or better as last year during this same time. Thomas and Adam have helped a lot of the ladies who take swim classes and have them doing ground based work which is good for them to mix things up. Where we've seen the biggest drop off is in day passes after school and especially on weekends with the pool being down.

The results from the inspection of the pool did come in finally last week and hope to have a timeline by this meeting.

We will be hosting a lift-a-thon on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A former member Ryan Hanks will be coordinating it and all of the proceeds will go to the Rec Center in memory of former Rec Center Director Rob Marchand. The weight room and back gym will be closed down for that day until 3:00-4:00 pm.

We've stayed very busy after school with kids and athletes. There will be as many as 30-35 kids in the Multi-purpose room and weight room at one time which is awesome to see.

We've ordered some new fitness equipment that should be coming within the next month to replace some of the old ellipticals. We will be purchasing new treadmills at the beginning of the year to replace the ones in the back cardio room. This will allow us to have mostly new equipment when the old pool is completely remodeled.

Mueller lumber has started taking down the ceiling in the old pool but most of the work will be starting in

January with completion in November of 2023.

## **Parks & Forestry**

### **Board Report**

#### **October 2022**

- Finished winterizing the outdoor pool
- Finished installing the Kiwanis playground equipment waiting on the surfacing company to come and install the rubber surfacing.
- Added playground mulch to Kibbee Park playground
- Hauled out tree piles from the Sportsman's dock area
- Marked boulevard and park trees that need to be removed this winter
- Irrigation maintenance
- Starting to winterize shelters and restrooms
- Making repairs to Pioneer Parks restrooms it was vandalized and they broke the sinks
- Removed a couple trees for Public Works department on their 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> street projects
- Planted some more trees at Indian Head Park
- Security light was installed by the basketball court in Hitchcock Park
- Campground hosts are done for the season
- Day to day operations

#### **PARK BOARD REPORT – SPORTS COMPLEX**

##### **OCTOBER 13, 2022**

###### **CADWELL:**

- Park and Rec flag football still going. Last night is Oct. 26.
- DWU baseball and softball will be done next week.
- No club high school this fall. Next spring sanctioned high school softball starts.
- Over seeded Stadium infield and in front of dugouts. Sodded in front of 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. Still going to put down liquid fertilizer and spray for weeds. New press box was approved.
- Special Olympics on Sept. 23-25 went very well. Lots of people.
- Took sun shades down last week.
- Look at blowing out bathrooms soon. Still mowing, irrigation, cleaning, start spraying all fields and outer areas until we run out of spray.

###### **SOCCER:**

- Last regular season games for DWU soccer is the end of Oct. Doesn't look like they will be hosting any post season games.
- MSA youth finished Sept. 24. Competitive ends Oct. 24, only practices.
- Working on irrigation, mowing, painting and clean up. Start spraying fields soon.

###### **ICE ARENA:**

- Hockey started practices Oct. 3. They have had a 5-day camp, couple clinics and 4 try hockey free events so far.
- Figure skating started Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. They have had 2 clinics.
- Working on gates and doors, cleaning, dry shaving and edging.

- *Open skate/bumper cars will start at the end of the month.*

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Director's Board Report

### **GFP Follow-up on Dry Run Creek Project**

*I met last week with Randy Kittle from game, Fish, and Parks at Dry Run Creek Park so that he could do a 'walk-through' (and a drive-through) of the trail, along which the lighting project was completed this past summer from the ball field to the skate park. Randy documented (via photographs and notes) the lighting and made some notes as well. The 42 new LED lights create a much more welcoming environment for those who make use of the trail either before or after sunset. I have heard nothing but positive feedback.*

### **Lake Readings**

*Steve's staff continue to take weekly tests of the lake water to submit for analysis for both microcystin and phosphorus at various points within the lake and mouth of the creek (where it enters Lake Mitchell). The tests will continue through October, as they have for the past several years. Microcystin levels have dissipated to a non-discernable level. Phosphorus levels are now dropping as well and seem to be in line with seasonal changes from previous years.*

### **Pontoon Boat for Campground**

*The pontoon boat, which had been planned for and ordered months ago, finally arrived in early September. After the delays and price increases, we finally received word that the boat was ready. However, when Steve went out to get it, he found that it was somewhat different than what we thought we had ordered. As it turns out, staff had requested quotes on both the Suntracker BB18 and the Suntracker PB18, which have different seating configurations. They had selected the PB18, due to the perceivably 'better' seating arrangement. Then, after the new models were then out along with subsequent pricing changes, the sales rep printed off what was thought to be the (new) quote for the PB18 (as it was several thousand dollars more than the previous quote), so I signed what was brought to me. However, it turns out the PB18 had increased by yet another several thousand dollars, and we never got to see that quote, until after the PB18 arrived. Needless to say, we accepted the BB18.*

### **Kelley Property**

*The home and adjacent 12 acres has now changed hands (to private ownership), so the storage of parks department materials and equipment at this site (in the shed) has come to an end, as has the parks division's maintenance of the property, with the exception of a replacement pump for the irrigation system, which has yet to arrive. The pump was ordered prior to ownership change, so the guys will make certain that the new pump is properly installed once it gets here.*

### **Pickleball 'Kitchen' Lines on Hitchcock Park Tennis Courts**

*There was still some confusion (evidently on my part) as to which courts need the painted kitchen lines, but all which have been requested to receive said lines have been cleared via courtesy call to Coach Moller.*

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business the Board adjourned at 6:35 PM*

