

# **PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

March 25, 2019

**Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 6:01 P.M.**

**Commission Members Present:** Brian Cassidy, Pam Goedken, Scott Kluesner, Matt Monahan, Jon Scherbring (arrived at 6:02 P.M.)

**Commission Members Absent:** Adam Huehnergarth, Joey White

**City Staff Present:** Gavin Nadermann, Mary Jo Goldsmith

### **Approve Monday, March 25, 2019 Agenda**

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Goedken made a motion to approve the Monday, March 25, 2019 agenda. Motion seconded Monahan.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth, Joey White

**Motion Carried**

### **Oral Comments:**

None

### **Approve February 25, 2019 Minutes**

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Monahan made a motion to approve the February 25, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Cassidy.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth, Joey White

**Motion Carried**

### **Receive & File: Director's Reports (February 2019)**

Gavin informed Commission that he has a bus trip planned to Miller Park on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Cubs will be playing the Brewers.

Cassidy made a motion to receive and file the Director's report. Motion seconded by Goedken.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth, Joey White

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #1 - Little League Fields Opening Event**

Gavin informed the Commission that Mick checked on the June 6<sup>th</sup> date that had previously been discussed. It is Toy Show weekend and Mick found that date would be OK. Parking may have to be at the pool if held on that date. Ribbon cutting could be between the Beckman games.

Commission discussed having coaches encourage their teams to come to the event and have the teams announced. The A & C softball league plays on Thursday night. The A league softball team could have a bye that week and have C softball teams play each other that night. There is more flexibility in the Prairie league this year regarding scheduling.

The Commission is still in favor of having the mayor and the president of the Commercial Club board throw out the first pitches. They would also like to have the Ghost Players there. June 13<sup>th</sup> was discussed as a new date.

Cassidy made a motion in favor of the ribbon cutting event on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Monahan.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergath, Joey White

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #2 - Westside Park Restrooms Update:**

Gavin provided information from Brian Preston regarding restrooms Dubuque County Conservation uses in their flood prone park areas. There is a similar facility at New Wine Park. They can be hosed out after flooding events and are quickly back in operation. They are flushable facilities. The units have 1500-gallon tanks buried in the ground. The cost is approximately \$28,500.00 for one unit which has 2 restrooms. There will still be a need for porta potties in addition to the restroom. Mike Oberbroeckling thought it was a great solution to the problem. Future plans for the park should be kept in mind when determining the restroom locations. There is \$40,000.00 budgeted for this year. The key is keeping the restrooms clean and designating someone responsible for that.

Cassidy made a motion to explore this option and have in place before soccer season. Motion seconded by Goedken.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergath, Joey White

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #3 - Dog Park Update:**

Gavin informed the Commission that he and Mick visited the Epworth dog park to see what features they had in their park. Mick has found a plan that he feels would be best suited for the Dyersville area. The park was originally planned for an area near Candy Cane Park but may be looking at another area now with the size of the proposed layout. There were questions regarding the type of dogs allowed or not allowed in the park and who is liable if someone's dog is injured. Rules would need to be posted at the entrance.

**Item #4 – 2020 Grants**

Gavin informed the Commission that he will be applying for grants this coming year. The timing was not good this year as he was sick when the grants were due.

**Item #5 – Baseball/Softball Equipment**

Gavin thanked the parents who came and helped with equipment inventory and checking the condition of equipment. He appreciated their help and input. There was a good supply of new equipment on hand that was put into service. Gavin also placed 2 orders for additional equipment. Brian Cassidy mentioned that there are funds available from a tournament held last year. Gavin should let him know if they can help with providing additional equipment. The masks that girls wear would be an item they could help with. The subject of kids sharing helmets and health concerns with that (lice) was discussed. Many kids are now starting to bring their own helmets. The Commission talked about making it mandatory in the future that kids have their own helmets. Currently there are 5 helmets in each bag. If a player doesn't have their own helmet, they could be assigned a city helmet and it would need to be turned in at the end of the year.

**Commission Member Comments:**

Gavin reported that the ballfields were still soft on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Practices will be listed on the city's website calendar so coaches will know when fields are available for extra practices. Games will start late April - May 1<sup>st</sup>. Gavin met with Heiar Fencing for replacing fencing at Candy Cane Park. The back diamond fencing at Candy Cane has been removed. Games will be played at Commercial Club Park and Candy Cane Park this year. The A league baseball games will be played at Westside Park and T-ball will also be played at Westside Park. J & J Lawn Care will be doing the mowing this year. The contract now has certain height requirements for the soccer fields on Fridays. The Commission will not meet in May & June. Gavin could send his Director's Reports to the Commission during the months when the Commission doesn't meet Applications will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup> for Aquatic Center and Public Works summer help positions.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M. on a motion by Cassidy, seconded by Goedken.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergath, Joey White  
**Motion Carried**

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Mary Jo Goldsmith

03/25/2019  
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