

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DYERSVILLE

October 28, 2019

Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 6:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Brian Cassidy, Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath, Scott Kluesner, Sarah Goldsmith, Jon Scherbring

Commission Members Absent: Matt Monahan

City Staff Present: Gavin Nadermann, Sandy Oberbroeckling

Approve Monday, October 28, 2019 Agenda

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Cassidy made a motion to approve the Monday, October 28, 2019 agenda. Motion seconded by Goedken.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Matt Monahan

Motion Carried

Oral Comments:

None

Approve October 8, 2019 Minutes

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Goedken made a motion to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Huehnergath.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Matt Monahan

Motion Carried

Receive & File: Director's Reports (October 2019)

Park & Rec Director, Gavin Nadermann, stated that the bulk of his report was already discussed and asked for changes and comments and there were none.

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

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Matt Monahan

Motion Carried

Gavin addressed the fact that September 23, 2019 minutes need to be approved. This will be put on next agenda. Sara Goldsmith was introduced as a new board member.

Item #1: Gaga Pit Presentation:

A group of 5th grade Girl Scouts gave a presentation regarding placing a gaga pit at Westside park. The girls presented the reasons they would like to construct one: fun to play, keeps kids moving and they are very popular right now. They presented several different types of gaga pits from wood to plastic and from cemented bottoms to lime bottoms. They gave the commission a blueprint of what they were anticipating. Cassidy asked the girls if they had a location picked out and they thought between the monkey bars and swing set because there is currently no grass growing there. Cassidy also asked who would build the gaga pit. The girl scouts could possibly build it. The commission agreed that the gaga pit was a great idea. Water definitely needs to be able to flow through it, however. Goldsmith commented that they just built two at Monticello Schools and the kids really enjoy them.

Huehnergath made a motion to send it to council. Motion was seconded by Goedken.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Matt Monahan

Motion Carried

Item #2: Dyersville Soccer League Wrap-Up Discussion:

Nadermann informed the Commission that the Soccer tournament that was rescheduled for October 19, 2019 went well with exception of the rain. Fields were beat up a little on Sunday, but not too bad. He thought the season went better than last year. Parents were glad to get the tournament in this year. The commission liked the brackets because they gave even more unsuccessful teams a chance to win. Huehnergath questioned numbers being down. Nadermann stated that they were all pretty level except 5th/6th grade, which were down 3 teams. This may be due to class size. Huehnergath thought sending out a survey would be a great way to get feedback. Cassidy would like to see the demographics before the next sign up. Questioned whether they were losing girl players because they don't want to play as rough as the boys. If a survey is sent out, it would be good to send to all children in our database that are Kindergarten or older to see if they aren't playing because they would rather divide the girls and boys.

Item #3: Park & Recreation Enhancements:

a. Baseball/Softball Field Enhancements

- Netting between fields - Nadermann said they are looking at placing netting between the fields to protect with the foul balls. Kluesner asked if we could get shade material to protect from the sun, making it dual purpose. A good place to look would be FarmTek. Manchester also has that set up so it may be good to ask their park and recreation department.
- Paving the middle section - At the Little League fields they are going to pave the middle section so they can get out to the parking lot.

- Batting cages - Want to set up the batting cage out by the where the sidewalk is going in also.
- Drainage - Many comments on the drainage. They are not sure if it was tiled. If it was tiled, it may have collapsed. Definitely need to look into the drainage. Did not drain well last year. They will be contacting Steger Construction to look into this.
- Replace roof at Candy Cane - Mick wants to get the roof replaced at Candy Cane because shingles are flying off of it.
- Tournaments (All Star Ball Park) - Tournaments that All Star Ball Park is having will be held at Candy Cane & Westside which will allow 5 fields all in the same area because the new bridge will be in. They will bring their own fences. They can use the Little League fields if they need to. Kluesner asked the board's thoughts on putting the back field at Candy Cane back in. When asked what else they would put there, Nadermann stated once the river project is done, Mick would like it to be an area where people can put canoes, tubes and kayaks in. Dugouts are gone, except the flat concrete slab. They put a new back stop in for practicing. Previous fencing material was removed because it was in terrible condition. Front diamond has new fences and they look great. What are the timelines for these projects? Tournaments will be on Memorial Day and July 4th. Roman, Mick & Gavin will meet next week. Mick would like to put in new bathrooms as money permits. Walkway will be done this year.

b. Aquatic Center – Splash Pad & Toddler Area.

- Kid friendly - Sarah Goldsmith said many parents feel the pool is not little kid friendly. Many parents with small kids go out of town because of what they have to offer. Also, many parents don't like the rules about catching your children at the bottom of the slide. Pool enrollment is down and she believes both of these items are the reason.
- Location - A splash pad in the area where the sand volleyball used to be would be a great area to do it in. Huehnergath said he's not sure if that area would be big enough to have a GREAT splash pad. Having the area gated would also be beneficial. Based on what Mayor Heavens has stated previously, the board believes he may be on board for such a project.
- Kluesner recommended talking to Cascade since they just put in a pool. They may have some great tips for us. Huehnergath believes we should have a goal to start in Fall of 2020 to open in 2021. The board requested that Nadermann do research on the splash pad concept, splash pad combination with a 1 foot de. Cassidy recommends having a work session and draft a letter to the council giving recommendations. The board is also requesting pool figures (expense/income), attendance report (by hour), and other metrics for 2019 for the next meeting.

Commission Member Comments:

Gavin Nadermann commented that there was a request from Prairie League Reps that every town have a Unified Registration date of **February 16, 2020** for baseball and softball. The reasoning for this is then everyone will have a good idea of the amount of teams for our spring meeting on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**. He also believes this will cause a lot of late registrations, but it will give them a good idea for the number of kids. There have also been a lot of rule changes, especially for softball.

Set date for next meeting: The date for the next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Matt Monahan

Motion Carried

Sandy Oberbroeckling

10/28/2019
Date