

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DYERSVILLE

December 11, 2019

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

Commission Members Present: Brian Cassidy, Scott Kluesner, Matt Monahan, Sarah Goldsmith, Jon Scherbring

Commission Members Absent: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath

City Staff Present: Gavin Nadermann, Mick Michel, Sandy Oberbroeckling

Approve Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Agenda

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Cassidy made a motion to approve the Wednesday, December 11, 2019 agenda. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath

Motion Carried

Oral Comments:

None

Approve October 28, 2019 Minutes

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Monahan made a motion to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Cassidy.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath

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.

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

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath

Motion Carried

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

Park & Rec Director, Gavin Nadermann stated that the report was distributed tonight because it wasn't completed when the agenda went out. Discussion will be completed later on the aquatic center numbers. He also added there was information on the games being played in connection with the Field of Dreams. He asked for changes and comments and there were none.

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

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergath

Motion Carried

Item #1: City Square/Westside Park Update:

Mick Michel gave updates: West Side Park – As part of the MLB event that will be happening in August 2020, Dyersville Events is handling events outside of the MLB events; Beyond the Game will be having games at 3 different locations (two in the downtown area and one at Commercial Club Park) for 4-5 days of events. We are working closely with MLB. There are many moving parts – partnering with Chamber, DEDC, Travel Dubuque & State of Iowa. Day to day activities are being coordinated with City Staff and Police Department. Because of tight schedules we try to push to get the necessary improvements completed. Bad weather (wet Spring and not much of a Fall) has put us behind on our projects. Bridge project was delayed, but is substantially completed. This needs to be completed prior to July because it is a key link to move people and for parking purposes between West Side & Candy Cane. They are looking at additional parking space at West Side Park (on the west side). There will be parking lot improvements done; it needs to be resealed and may extend parking to the amount of soccer parking usage. Concrete pads for frisbee golf will hopefully be in, weather permitting. We will barricade around frisbee golf holes.

They will be paving gravel area near the square. Looking at the parking lot on the east side of the park, not sure if we will extend. Exploring alternatives on this lot. The electrical infrastructure needs to be reviewed, it may need to be updated and they'll need to decide whether it will be temporary or permanent. Need to weigh the costs. We have three phase power down there and it is still working quite well. Will be putting in a stage on the square for concert events. The stage will be like a backstop and will be on the NE side facing West Side Park. This will be better for the people that live close by. It will push the noise away from them. Private WIFI will be installed in that area so merchants can use it for electronic sales. Some type of lighting is needed for nighttime events (flood lighting). Unsure if they will be using existing poles or leasing poles from Alliant Energy.

They are working with a donor for the square upgrades. It will have a baseball theme, that looks more like a diamond. We are pulling the curb line in from the North side of 3rd Avenue. Donor

was given concept designs. We are unsure how much they will be donating. Infrastructure at West Side is done, just electrical needs some work. There will be multiple entertainment areas within the square/West Side park area. They are anticipating a wet spring, which will limit the construction time. Third Avenue from the bridge to the auditorium will be redone. May just run a 10 foot sidewalks on the edges and call it good. Between the Park & City Square will be one venue area and there will be another one downtown. Parking will be at a premium. They are estimating the population of visitors in town to be 30,000 – 50,000 people. Scheduling has not been finalized. Permission is needed from MLB. Things are moving quickly and Mick will keep us informed as much as he can.

Cassidy asked if anything was being done to Candy Cane. They are looking at whether or not they want to enhance that area. Needs to be reevaluated. Candy Cane – They are looking at paving the gravel strip. We will be doing some logistic changes with the sanitary sewer. We will not be putting parking in the one field where restrooms are now. Since West Side Park is going to be shut down for those two weeks, youth soccer may need to be pushed back. Senior soccer will probably on be at Beckman. Gavin is talking with Beckman regarding this. Tear down will possibly be on Tuesday/Wednesday. We will work with Public Works on this. The kids will not have West Side park to practice on until after the event. Western Dubuque or other fields may be an option. Western Dubuque field is VERY rough. Have already tried to roll it. Concerned about kid's ankles because of the roughness. Will call John Olberding to see if anything can be done before the end of the year. Need to look at the cost to get the field ready. May use new little league fields for little kids. May also need to shorten soccer season. If we have to shorten season, we need to let other towns know immediately. Brainstorming places to practice: All American Homes is slated for MLB, behind Antique Mall is slated for parking, maybe use area by little league field for younger kids.

The Ertl property may be good parking in the future. The farmer has rights to the property this year. Next year, the City may exercise the rights to take it over. We are a pass-through for Iowa Ride. Ragbrai may end in Dubuque, so we may be a ride through for that as well.

Brian Cassidy asked how people will be getting out to the field. At this point, Dyersville East road.

This is MLB's Crown Jewel. There are many logistical pieces that need to be moved. This is causing a great amount of excitement. They want it to look good as does the City of Dyersville. Will trains be rerouted? They do have constructed slated in March for the trains.

Item #2: Dog Park Update:

The fencing is up. Small and large dog areas are in place. Not many changes from original plans. Purchased two fountains for dogs; however, not in place yet. Also purchasing another fountain by the shelter. The park will open in the Spring. It is currently locked and not to be used. We need to put features (limestone blocks, pipe, etc. – we will make these) in it before we open it. We are using Dubuque as a guide and learning from their mistakes. Once the Ertl

property is available, we would be able to extend it. We exhausted all the designs and this worked the best with the ability to extend and with the trees in the area.

Item #3: Aquatic Center Totals:

We were closed 43.5 hours due to weather and 4.5 hours due to chemical imbalance or vomit/fecal accidents. ACCO rep said we needed to make an adjustment on chlorine. A big change was staying open for low attendance. We stayed opened with less than 25 attendees for 82 hours. It's hard to compare the numbers on this from 2018 – 2019 because they were not recorded the same. We reduced the pool parties last year. This year we kept track on attendance. Saturday there were only an average of 25 people attending between 6-8 pm and on Sunday only 20 people. Friday nights are definitely used. As a whole, the commission agreed to add pool parties on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Taylor and Abby are coming back next year. Looks like we should be okay with the rest of the staff.

Commission Member Comments:

It was questioned if we changed staff salaries. Yes, we allocated full time managers. Taylor's position was also modified. We shifted pay according to responsibilities. Cassidy asked if we depreciate capital improvements over years or if it's expensed all in the year it happens. Mick said we do not amortize our capital improvements. Even though it was a lot of money, it is a service that is being provided and we need to spend that to keep our facilities safe and in good working condition. We repainted the pool vessel, repaired cracks, upgraded the mechanical room and pool house, and replaced filter.

Michel said we are going into city goal setting. Let Gavin know of any ideas/changes you may have. Goldsmith mentioned the splash pad that was brought up at a previous meeting.

Set date for next meeting: The date for the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M. on a motion by Cassidy, seconded by Monahan.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergarth
Motion Carried

Sandy Oberbroeckling

12/11/2019
Date