

the place of the Chairperson when they are absent. A member who generally can make it to most of the meetings would be the best candidate. We have many events coming up in the future so this commission will have much involvement with many decisions to make. Mick currently has two grants out there right now. One grant is a \$250,000 planning grant. The purpose is water shed/flood control. Since a large portion of our parks are in the flood areas, this commission will see a lot of these items on flood control/water shed improvements and other park improvements. Several properties are being looked at along with the Ertl property already purchased. This committee will be very active for the next 5 years.

Sarah Goldsmith volunteered to serve as Vice-Chairperson. It was motioned by Burkle to appoint her as Vice-Chairperson and seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes: **AYES:** All
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Scott Kluesner

Motion Carried

Item #1: Aquatic Center Improvements

Nadermann included a few items in the agenda packet from a catalog that Michel had received. One item was a baseball bat with spraying water. Another item was a jungle gym that has deeper water at the bottom and the other has little to no standing water, more of a splash pad type. Goldsmith feels the public wants less water and jungle gym type. She thinks the little kids would play more in here and the bigger kids could stay in the pool. Goldsmith questioned on where we are on the budget for these upgrades. Michel stated we have two things going on. One is the immediate needs of the pool vessel. We currently have a mushroom feature and turn cranks that need attention. We need to update the water slide as well. These items could possibly be completed for under \$100K. The Council has also wanted the area that used to be a sand volleyball area to be created into some type of splash pad item in the future. Maybe develop this area for kids under the age of 8, which would take some of the younger kids out of the pool. We would want more than just a splash pad. Splash pads are usually offered for free. We want this area to stand out. Right now, we need to address the immediate needs of the pool features. We want to make it more inviting to people. We invested \$600K in 2008/2009. We added \$80K in mechanical upgrades and pool vessel painting in 2019. The Council wants to work on immediate needs and want to know where we are headed. Nadermann thinks we should have an area with standing water (maybe a foot of water) rather than a splash pad type, making it more of a pool aspect. Goldsmith said parents like the soft slides offered at area pools. Michel feels the area can handle that. The mechanical aspect is what is in question. We need to see if we are able to be granted waivers or what the code is at this point. Installing the jungle gym is probably looking at around \$300K - \$500K. We are able to replace the features that are in there and later add the jungle gym style area. We need to check with companies to see what is feasible for replacing the current features based on what mechanics we currently have. If we can get started on this ASAP, we could possibly get the features replaced this season. Goldsmith questioned if we needed to replace. Can we just remove and not replace? Once again, due to the mechanics, we may need to replace the features. Huehnergath & Goldsmith recommended going with soft slides. Michel instructed the director to check with companies for new features. Monahan also recommended we add a shaded area and new chairs and benches. Huehnergath recommended applying through Out Run the Rays for assistance on the shade items/umbrellas. Michel stated that with the Baseball Factory in town and the MLB game we will have more people in town. This will give them something to do. We want a pool that does more than just lessons. We want something to be proud of – something fresh and exciting. The Council is willing to

