

# **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

June 28, 2021

**Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 7:01 P.M.**

**Commission Members Present:** Scott Kluesner, Sarah Goldsmith, Jon Scherbring, Taylor Klostermann, Wes Burkle

**Commission Members Absent:** Matt Monahan, Adam Huehnergath

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

**Oral Comments:** None

### **Approve June 28, 2021 agenda**

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Burkle made a motion to approve the Monday, June 28, 2021 agenda. Motion seconded by Goldsmith.

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

**Motion Carried**

### **Approve April 26, 2021 Minutes**

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Goldsmith made a motion to approve the April 26, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Klostermann.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Matt Monahan and Adam Huehnergath

**Motion Carried**

### **Receive & File: April & May 2021 Director's Reports**

**Oral Comments:** None

Klostermann made a motion to receive and file the April & May 2021 Director's reports. Motion seconded by Goldsmith.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Matt Monahan and Adam Huehnergath

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #1: Town Square/Downtown Market**

Michel gave an update on the Town Square/Downtown Market. We went from concept to being surveyed and engineered to get a better picture of what the improvements would actually look like. This gives a more real look. He met with Scherbring regarding the Downtown Market and also met with the donor for the stage. They are looking at sound equipment and shelter for special events (ex. Downtown Market). Currently have \$100,000.00 budgeted for these improvements. We are looking at future lighting designs. It is not affordable in this budget. The construction will begin after the MLB game. Michel wants it completed by the end of this construction season. Goldsmith inquired about the need to change the Downtown Market location for the August and September events. Alternative ideas were the street between the Xavier School parking lot and the Bell Tower Apartments or the open area across from the green square. If it is at the later location, they will need to change the date for kindergarten soccer. They need a large area. The last Downtown Market had 92 vendors and they are expecting 100+ vendors at some of the upcoming markets.

### **Item #2: Baseball Factory/Field Availability Update**

There were issues last Thursday when they had 5 home Prairie League games and Baseball Factory games. They ran out of fields. We are trying to accommodate everyone. Games will have precedence over practices. Some of the travel baseball coaches had issues with field availability. All the money Baseball Factory paid for rent went into Candy Cane. If this contract happens again, we will continue to put the money back into our fields, etc. Goldsmith heard negative comments regarding our concession stands and bathrooms. Kluesner asked if we can make a list of improvements we need. Michel stated we make requests to the council, but they ultimately decide. Burkle questioned whether we can only spend rent money for this or does the city have money budgeted for this area. Private donations will make it happen for upgrades. City dollars are limited. Goldsmith was wondering if we needed to start a fundraiser to have funds for these improvements. Commercial Club Park did that for their lighting upgrade and they were somewhat successful. The candy cane concession stand needs to be demolished. Goldsmith questioned if we were able to see what was in the budget. We would be able to put up a shelter at Westside; however, it needs to be placed in a specific area out of the flood zone area. Priority is concession stands and bathrooms for Candy Cane and Westside Park.

Commercial Club doesn't have concession stands or netting. It was questioned whether a portable food stand would be our only option? Other cities have great concession stands that are run by the parents of ball players. We are unsure if we would have parents that would be willing to volunteer for this task. If we have a concession stand, we will need hot water, according to the health inspector.

Nadermann needs to present our wish list to the council in December. Parks and Recreation Commission would like to see what is already approved for this year. We are looking at lighting on the trail for \$30,000.00. Park enhancements are budgeted for \$100,000.00 (\$70K allocated from Field of Dreams, so if they don't sign a contract, this amount will change). \$17,000 is allocated for the aquatic center. We are spending \$80K this fall for the aquatic center. We are spending small amounts on Parks. As for dugouts at Westside Park, it will depend on the contract with Field of Dreams.

### **Item #3: Westside Trail Water Fountains**

We have received several comments regarding water fountains for humans and dogs through out the park. They will need a drain on them. Many thought across from Xavier or on the NW corner by the disc golf area would be a good location. Nadermann will work with John Wandsnider for these water fountains. We will not be able to install in some locations due to the floodways.

**Item #4: Castle Hill Greenspace**

Burkle recommended having a green space in the Castle Hill Subdivision. He would like to start with swings/playground and go from there. Kids in this subdivision cannot easily bike or walk into town. Burkle contacted Tom Hageman and he is not interested in giving up 3 lots by his house, this is for privacy reasons. Goldsmith thought the lot at the 3-way stop would be a good location. It was questioned whether or not the tunnel that goes under the highway is okay to ride/walk through. The Castle located on one of the lots cannot be touched. Hageman can either keep or donate to someone. Phase 4 may be where to put in the green space. We need to identify a place to put it. A bike trail to get into the main part of town would be a great addition as well. This idea would be good to address during goal planning in January.

**Commission Oral Comments:**

Goldsmith asked where we are on the splash pad? Kiddie Pool? Aquatic Center? The council approved the two features. ACCO said they could help with the planning of the splash pad. There is interest in the area by the volleyball area. Klostermann questioned whether it was a splash pad or with an area with standing water that we were trying to create. Goldsmith stated with standing water. If we do this, we will have to have a separate vessel. A splash pad at Westside Park is not an option due to the flood plain. Scherbring recommended the West Linden area. We need to decide what we want, what we will need to accomplish it, and how much it will cost. Then it needs to be taken to council. Goldsmith wants to create her own sub-committee with people not on the Parks & Recreation committee to look into this. Is the committee okay with this? No one was against this idea. We need to keep Gavin in the loop on this. Scherbring thinks we need a lap pool. That would allow high schools to use the pool. It was asked where we make the most money, it was easily decided from lessons.

With other pool improvements – chairs are in the cue and waiting. Klostermann would like to have a 5-year plan with the Aquatic Center. We need to look at future improvements: shading (Out Run the Rays), water fountain (lobby area), lifeguard raises, etc. Klostermann needs to get a wish list for the next meeting.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting is set for Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M. on a motion by Goldsmith, seconded by Klostermann.

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

**Motion Carried**

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Sandy Oberbroeckling

06/28/2021  
Date