

# **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

August 24, 2021

**Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Commission Members Absent:** Adam Huehnergarth

**City Staff Present:** Gavin Nadermann and Sandy Oberbroeckling

**Oral Comments:** None

### **Approve August 24, 2021 agenda**

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Tuesday, August 24, 2021 agenda. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth

**Motion Carried**

### **Approve June 28, 2021 Minutes**

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Klostermann made a motion to approve the June 28, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth

**Motion Carried**

### **Receive & File: June & July 2021 Director's Reports**

**Oral Comments:** Baseball and softball were finishing up. Soccer is going now. Nadermann has been receiving pressure for more pickleball courts. Some brought up transitioning the current skate park into a pickleball court, however, after discussion, it was deemed that we should keep the skate park intact. Also, the players are requesting the new court be near the existing courts. There is a grant available for \$20,000. This would be a good start for the creation of a new court. It was unknown at the time of the meeting how much a new court would cost. We need to look into an area for a new court. Soccer numbers are up from last year. The most players we've ever had.

Goldsmith made a motion to receive and file the June & July 2021 Director's reports. Motion seconded by Burkle.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergarth

**Motion Carried**

## **Item #1: MLB Wrap Up**

Nadermann has heard very positive feedback on the MLB game and activities. They are looking at having all activities at Westside Park next year. The town restaurants were very prepared, however, they seemed to have limited traffic on Wednesday. The committee recommended having the Concerts on Friday night instead of Wednesday night. We may get more visitors to stay for these events. There seemed to be mostly locals at the Wednesday concert. A negative comment by many was that it was not well communicated as to the activities that were taking place. We need to get this information out earlier and have better marketing. Some of the committee thought they'd have more visitors if they could visit the field, which they knew was out of our hands. Positive comments were heard regarding the watch party at City Square. Other ways to improve this event would be to have more bathrooms closer to the City Square with better lighting near them. Also, more tables to sit and eat at were recommended. More local hotels would be beneficial, but that is out of our control. A few complaints were heard regarding the late concert on Thursday night because some people had to work the next day.

## **Item #2: Aquatic Center Discussion**

Aquatic Center had a great year. Only closed for 9 hours for staffing and 1 hour for chemicals. For the improvements, Nadermann contacted ACCO again. This time he communicated with the owner. He was promised that the improvements will be completed by next Spring. We are stilling waiting for a quote for the features that we are requesting. We were unable to obtain the chairs that they wanted to order. Nadermann is now looking at new sources. The shade that was requested has not been obtained. Nadermann has not written the grant for the shade. He will be doing that this winter when he's not as busy. The larger slide that has cracks will be inspected to make sure it is safe.

Goldsmith had talked to the City Administrator regarding the splash pad. Goldsmith has formed a committee and they will be taking in information from the residents to see what is desired/needed. They may be looking at something similar to Flora Park. We are not sure if we want to continue with our current designs. Klostermann asked how information from residents would be obtained. Goldsmith will be putting out a survey. Klostermann recommended looking at the survey that Dubuque put out. The City Administrator is worried on the price of these improvements. There is also a possibility of a private donor to help with expenses. Nadermann did not have all the details.

This year the aquatic center was struggling with lifeguards. Wages will need to be increased next year to have enough staffing. When area businesses are paying \$13.00, we will need to pay our staff better wages. The lifeguards need to be certified, which is an added expense for them. We lost several because of the pandemic last year and they never came back.

There were questions regarding morning swim. The morning swimmers are pushing for Fridays to be added and they want it to be open from 6:00 – 7:30 am. There are consistently 10-14 swimmers every morning. We did not have problems staffing this shift. We need 2 guards for this shift. They also said that the 8:00 am private lesson was very cold for children so they will not be having that next year. There were also questions regarding pool temperature. We required the outside temperature to be 65° or higher to be open. This year we lowered it to 60°. The morning swimmers want no temperature restrictions. There is a concern with the differential. If the guards need to save someone to go from extremely cold temperatures into a warm pool, it's not that safe. It was decided to keep the temperature at 60° based on KCRG website. They also were good with adding Saturday adult swim from noon – 1:00 pm.

Klostermann has sent out surveys after swim lessons and the feedback she received was that lessons were too expensive and they wanted more days. Many parents wanted two week lessons. In order to have Red Cross affiliated lessons, we will need to contract with Red Cross to use their curriculum. If they went

back to the 8 day lesson plan, we would only be able to have 3 sessions. This was going to be reviewed. Klostermann thought 5 days for group lessons would be good and 4 days for private. If we have 5 days for each, we don't have a rain date. We also offered a bonus lesson this year to those students who failed their first lesson. The parent paid for this second lesson. In the past, the children were only allowed to take one lesson per season. There was positive feedback on this added option. It was also discussed to have 3 sign up dates: resident, resident & non-resident; and then anyone including if you had already signed up your child for a lesson, allowing a second lesson for the season.

People were not happy with being closed for two days for the MLB game. It would be better to be only closed on Thursday for the game and not for two days. The main reason for this is we wouldn't have the safety personal because they are at the MLB game.

The Puppy Paddle & Doggy Dip received positive feedback. This seems to be a popular event.

### **Item #3: New Soccer Rule**

Nadermann would like to make a rule that if you live in Dyersville, you are required to play on a Dyersville team. We have a draft to have competitive teams. An individual took his team to a different town to get around the draft and took a group of Dyersville players to form a team. Other coaches felt like the team was stacked, which isn't fair for other teams. It was motioned by Goldsmith that a Dyersville resident would be required to play for a Dyersville team. This motion was not seconded. Burkle motioned that we require Dyersville residents to play on a Dyersville team; however, allow other town teams to have 10% of their team to be from Dyersville. This would normally equate to 1 to 2 children per team. This motion was seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** Burkle, Scherbring, Kluesner, and Klostermann  
                              **NAYS:** Monahan and Goldsmith  
                              **ABSENT:** Adam Huehnergath

This rule would apply to all ages of soccer.

### **Commission Oral Comments:**

Goldsmith asked where we are on the sidewalks and improvements at the City Square. Nadermann thought they'd be starting in September.

Burkle asked if we received answers on using the storm drain for a trail. Michel was not in attendance so no word on this topic.

We have some baseball money that needs direction from a committee. Kluesner is in the process of forming a committee. Batting cages or safety net may be possibilities for use of this money.

More questions were brought up on soccer issues. These will be addressed at the next meeting.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting is set for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M. on a motion by Monahan, seconded by Goldsmith.

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

**Motion Carried**

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Sandy Oberbroeckling

08/24/2021  
Date