

Park & Recreation Commission Secretarial Notes

City of Dyersville

October 24, 2016

Commission Members Present: Brian Cassidy, Pam Goedken, Adam Huehnergarth

Commission Members Absent: Joshua Haas & Greg Keegan

City Staff Present: Matt Ungs, Mick Michel & Mary Jo Goldsmith

Since there was no quorum, Mick Michel advised that items on the agenda were for discussion purposes only and discussion only could take place. Mick also informed the Commission that 8th grade Girl Scouts would give a brief presentation regarding the Girl Scout Silver Award after Tony Digman's presentation on disc golf.

Item 1. Frisbee Golf

Tony shared his excitement and passion for building a disc golf course at Westside Park. Tony showed some of the discs used in the game. The equipment needed is very inexpensive, can be purchased locally and can be played at all age levels. Financially it is very cost efficient to install and maintain a disc golf course. He suggested that businesses could sponsor holes for a couple hundred dollars. This would help build the cement tee areas and signage at each hole. It can benefit the community at all age levels by providing an alternative low-impact exercise. It can also be played year-round. Tony mentioned that INNOVA, a leader in disc golf equipment, has compiled the top ten reasons to install a disc golf course with the number one reason being "If You Build It, They Will Come." He mentioned that possibly the City would be able to get a discount on equipment/products since they have coined the phrase from the Field of Dreams. Tony is willing to donate time and expertise to this project.

Madelyn Michel, Isabelle Kluesner, Savannah Oberbroeckling and Amanda Goedken were present. The Girl Scouts are working on their Silver Award. The Silver Award requires them to spend at least 50 hours or more on a community project. The project must be sustainable to the community and must better the community. The scouts ask the Park & Rec Commission to recommend funding for the disc golf course. They are willing to help with the work needed for this project.

Item 2. Director's Update

Matt Ungs, Park & Rec Director, reported that the Commercial Club is done with their part of the agreement regarding the Little League diamonds. The diamonds have been graded and seeded. The City will spend \$100,000.00 this year and \$100,000.00 from the 2017 budget to finish this project and install lights. The lights should be up and done by the end of summer 2017.

The shelter near the new basketball court is completed at Westside Park. Picnic tables & trash cans are ordered for the shelter.

Movies in the Park went over well this summer and Matt hopes to expand on this next summer.

Matt is also researching pickle ball and looking at starting a pickle ball program at the tennis courts. A court for pickle ball exclusively could be built down the road if participation warrants.

Item 3. Soccer Tournament & League Dates

Matt asked the Commission's opinion on having a 6 week league and having the 7th & 8th weeks reserved for the tournament rather than playing tournament games during the week. The Commission felt that would work.

Item 4. Tee Ball Rules

Matt feels that tee ball should be just that-hit off the tee. This would allow 4 year olds to participate as well. He also said he would like to see no moving up to the next division.

Item 5. Little League Diamonds

Matt would like to sell banners for advertising at the Little League diamonds. Any items above ground at the diamonds are the city's responsibility. Grass is starting to sprout on the new fields.

Item 6. Goal Setting

Items for possible consideration are a splash pad and continuing the trail system. Matt would like to see the west side finished before the east side is started.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 28th.

This discussion ended at 7:55 P.M.

Mary Jo Goldsmith

10/24/2016

Date