

City of Pierre
Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
02-18-2016

Chair Anne Lewis called the meeting to order in City hall conference room at 3:35pm.

Members present were Chairwoman Anne Lewis, Dr. Craig Howard, Bob Judson and John Simpson. Also present were Commissioner Jeanne Goodman and staff members Mindy Cheap, Tom Farnsworth and Todd Kelly. Excused members were Linda Ahrendt, Kelsey Smith and Jeff Filipek. Guests included Mike Larson, President of Capital City Baseball Association (CCBA).

A motion to approve minutes of the January meeting was made by Judson with a second by Simpson; motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Judson with a second by Howard; motion carried. The amendment was to table the dog park discussion until a future meeting.

Chairwoman Lewis called on Mike Larson, CCBA president, to present a request to add a batting cage and bull pen area by Griffin Park baseball field. Larson used a google earth tool on overhead screen to illustrate the location of the project. Todd Kelly stated he had met with Larson and reviewed the plan and helped him identify how the 14 ft. by 70 ft. batting cage could fit west of the field. Larson said this would be used by youth age 6-12 and they have 2 games a night 4 times a week at this park. Larson said this would serve the little league players well. Larson presented a material list. Kelly said he would help Larson figure the material costs as he has installed these before and had the supply list. Board members felt this would be a good project and Judson stated he is at the field many evenings with his grandsons and there is a need for the addition. Larson stated CCBA would fund the cost of the project but wanted to make sure the board was ok before he went to full design and cost estimate. Lewis stated there was consensus of the board to keep going and asked Larson to return to the March board meeting and present the cost of the project. The board could vote at this time and recommend to the City Commission to add this capital project with installation and expense paid for by CCBA. If project moves forward the City would own and insure the improvement. Larson thanked the board and excused himself from the meeting.

Old Business – Project Updates

Lacrosse

Staff has kept in communication with Corey Mitchell and soccer representatives and all was worked out to allow use of one of the soccer fields at Hilgers Gulch for Lacrosse this spring. Farnsworth does not have the start dates yet or the local lacrosse contact person but expects Mitchell to forward this soon.

Rec/Event Center

The board members will try to attend the evening public meeting on the Rec/event center project. New slides showing various floor configurations and seating will be viewed. Operational costs are still a work in progress and more information regarding costs should be available by the April public meeting.

Hyde Stadium

The project is still on budget and on time. Contractors are pouring the seating areas and work on finishing the interior of the concession/restroom building is ongoing. Weather has been very good for this work. A change order is expected to allow steps by the dugouts for player access to the field.

Capital Creek

The project is still about 98% complete. Signage has been ordered and staff is reviewing a change order submitted by Midwest. This change order may put the project slightly over budget. Landscaping and seeding remains to be done by the contractor.

Fishing Access at Mickelson Pond

The fishing access points are now being installed by GF&P sub-contractor. The fishing pier will go in when ice goes off in March. There are some final touches to do for this area such as an entrance sign and signage in the parking area.

No updates on Walkability or Greening America's Capitals.

New Business

Boys and Girls Club bathrooms

Staff is working with a contractor who is re-designing the bathroom with cost estimate to enhance the use and meet ADA requirements. The goal is to have a design and cost for budget considerations as this was cut from the 2016 budget and the need remains. Average daily use numbers are around 180 kids.

YMCA/Rec Dept.

Filipek and Cheap gave updates on aquatic center and YMCA activities. The price quote for the replacement play feature in the zero depth entry area of the indoor aquatic center was approximately \$60,000 for purchase and installation. Bids came in slightly higher than this estimate. The YMCA and City will evaluate budgets to see if they can still move forward and recommend to City Commission. The board agreed it would be good to see this project completed if funds allow.

Go Green and Clean

Farnsworth reported the campaign is off and running in its 7th year. Board members were asked if they had any ideas for new projects. There are some park kiosks and entrance signs that need some fresh stain and cleanup work. The cleanup dates this year will be from April 18 to April 30 allowing two Saturdays for volunteers to work outside.

Staff/Dialogue Updates

The City was asked by Beth Davis of the SDDOH to participate in a Partners meeting July 26-27 in Mitchell. This is an opportunity to share experiences from the Walkability Study. Farnsworth indicated he would attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting of the board is March 24 at 3:30pm.

Tom Farnsworth, Director