

City of Pierre
Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
05-19-16

Chair Anne Lewis called the meeting to order in City hall conference room at 3:30pm.

Members present were Chairwoman Anne Lewis, Dr. Craig Howard and Bob Judson. Also present were Commissioner Jeanne Goodman and staff members Mindy Cheap and Tom Farnsworth. Todd Kelly was excused. Member Linda Ahrendt joined the meeting later at which time motions were made to accept minutes and agenda. Excused were board members Kelsey Smith and John Simpson.

Guests included Cody Putzier, President of the Sharpe Shooters Disc Golf Association, Jason Mahto, dog park committee, Becky Burke, Pierre Swim Team and Steve Bass of Modern Woodman of America.

A motion to approve minutes of the March meeting was made by Judson with a second by Ahrendt; motion carried. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Judson with a second by Howard; motion carried. The board did not meet for business in April but joined the Chamber of Commerce Sports committee for a dialogue on sports and recreation in Pierre.

Old Business

Dog Park Project

The committee of Dr. Howard, John Simpson, Cody Putzier and Beth Haskins had met and reviewed the proposed Steamboat Park site. Dr. Howard presented their report and was assisted by Putzier. Putzier illustrated on the map how hole # 12 would be moved and the proposed dog park could fit in this location. Putzier stated the Disc Golf association board was ok with this and felt both a dog park and disc golf course could co-exist if properly laid out. They did not see a conflict. Howard stated they had measured the area and it was approximately 260 x 100 ft., a good area to work with. Howard stated Simpson supported the location too as long as harmony would exist with the disc golf users. The pro's of this location were discussed at the last board meeting and listed in the minutes. Motion was made by Howard, second by Judson to report the findings of this committee to the City Commission for consideration of allowing a dog park in Steamboat Park at the location discussed. Motion carried. Farnsworth stated before this would go to the Commission agenda, an overhead map would be laid out showing location, size, parking, etc. Commissioner Goodman stated it is likely the Mayor and Commission would allow time for public comment on this project and location before final action.

Offer of Funds from Modern Woodman and Local Bass Club (New Business Item)

Chair Anne Lewis introduced Steve Bass of Modern Woodman of America. Farnsworth briefed the board that Mr. Bass and he toured the Mickelson Pond area and 4th St. Trail. Bass spoke that his association would like to partner with the City and the local Bass Club to sponsor some benches and possibly an entrance sign to this park. The board reviewed the site locations on the google earth map. Mr. Bass is offering \$1,000 and the Bass Club was offering \$500 towards a project. Farnsworth stated that if the board approved, he would work with Todd Kelly on cost estimate of materials, park staff could install the benches and new sign. Motion by Judson, second by Ahrendt to direct staff to work up

a cost estimate of materials and site locations for the benches and sign and report back with plan for install. Motion carried. All thanked Mr. Bass for the offer of a partnership for these amenities. All felt they would be a nice addition to the park area.

Recreation/Event Center

Commissioner Goodman reported they are having work sessions to review the public meeting information and discuss how to proceed with project. The Mayor will ask the Commission for direction and a vote in June.

Go Green and Clean Campaign

The spring events went well. Final tonnage report now done yet. Next event is July 6 for the Missouri River Clean up. Record number of organizations and volunteers participated this year.

Expedition League, Inc.

Mr. Steve Wagner will be in Pierre May 25 for a meeting with City staff, officials and Post 8 reps to continue discussions on a possible lease of Hyde Stadium for a summer collegiate baseball team. The board was invited to attend the meeting.

Project Updates

Hyde Stadium

The project completion date was May 15. Midwest construction is in the penalty phase and working to catch up/finish project. Extra manpower has been hired to help city crews. Much work remains, Post 8 is re-scheduling games and will use Kelley field when they can. This is a high priority and staff are working overtime and Saturdays when possible.

Capital Creek

The project needs to be complete by June 15. Signage is being installed. Railing has yet to be erected and there will be the final landscaping to be done by the contractor. The need for an additional retaining wall on the west side of the trail along the Midwest building will be constructed and a change order will be submitted. A total of four security cameras will be installed soon to help with keeping vandalism at a minimum. Deadline on this project is mid-June to allow reimbursement of a \$200,000.00 RTP grant from the state of South Dakota.

Fishing Access at Mickelson Pond

Handicap parking signs are installed now. The City needs to review the access road surfacing and determine if they are going to seal the gravel or not. The partnership proposals for benches by the fishing pods will be a nice addition. Citizens have been seen using the facility.

Walkability Study

Farnsworth has been asked to present a report on the project to a SDDOH conference in Mitchell July 26. A power point is being prepared to show along with all the other communities in SD that received a grant.

Greening America's Capitals

No update regarding this study.

Boys and Girls Club bathrooms

Redesign of the bathrooms is being worked on by Midwest construction. Once staff have the design and cost estimate it can be reviewed for budget consideration and funding.

Aquatic Center Pool Toy

Installation of the new pool toy will start August 15 by Associated Pools of North Dakota.

Outdoor Pool

Becky Burke was in attendance representing the Outdoor Pool Community Committee. Soil tests in Griffin Park near the existing pool show feasibility to construct a new pool in this location. Burke stated they are in the design phase of water park options for this location.

CCBA Batting Cage

This approved project has not started construction yet.

Utility Wrap

This free utility wrap sponsored by Fast Signs of Pierre is not installed yet. Location will be on a dumpster at the City campground.

New Business

YMCA/Rec Dept. –Cheap updated the Board on activities and programs. Summer recreation registration has gone well, staff are hired and programs are ready to start. Connor Berg is back for an internship with the Department. The outdoor pool is planning an opening June 6. Cheap announced the City of Pierre is a "Playful City USA" for the 5th year now. A presentation to Commission will be next Tuesday.

Dialogue and other staff updates

LWCF grant funding is available now, deadline is August to submit project. Oahe Days planning is going well with event scheduled for June 24-26. Mosquito control presentation will be made to Commission on May 31 with Dr. Kightlinger joining in.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. The next meeting of the board is June 16 at 3:30 pm.

Tom Farnsworth recording for Kelsey Smith