

City of Pierre
Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
1-19-17

Director of Parks and Recreation Tom Farnsworth called the meeting to order in City hall conference room at 3:30pm. Introductions were made, the board welcomed YMCA CEO Aaron Fabel and new board member Torrey Zeller. One guest Randy Schumacher was present.

Members present were Dr. Craig Howard, Linda Ahrendt, Bob Judson, John Simpson, Torrey Zeller and Aaron Fabel. Excused was Kelsey Smith. Also present was Commissioner Steve Harding and staff member Tom Farnsworth. Todd Kelly and Mindy Cheap were excused.

The Board conducted the election of officers for the New Year. Motion by Judson, second by Zeller to nominate Linda Ahrendt as board president. No other nominations were made. A unanimous vote was cast for Ahrendt for President. A motion was made by Howard, second by Zeller to nominate Judson as vice-president. No other nominations were made. A unanimous vote was cast for Judson as vice-president. A motion was made by Judson, second by Simpson to nominate Smith as recording secretary. No other nominations were made. A unanimous vote was cast for Smith as recording secretary.

Ahrendt and Judson thanked the board for their vote of confidence and Ahrendt conducted the meeting by calling for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion by Judson, second by Howard to approve the November 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Howard with a second by Judson; motion carried.

Old Business – Project Updates

CCBA Batting Cage - Project is at Griffin Park ball field and is carried forward to be built by CCBA, this was board approved last summer but contractor delays has pushed this to 2017.

Steamboat Parking lot – Park staff will finish landscaping, seeding and irrigation of the green space this spring. A border will be established along the causeway road section similar in style to Island View drive border. Simpson inquired if the parking lot will be striped and asked that the boat parking lot area be striped as well; this is located near the causeway boat ramp. Staff will report this to the Street Department to do at same time they stripe the parking lot area.

Hyde Stadium – Two items remain to complete, the install of the new recognition plaques on the entrance monument and install of safety railing with mesh by the transformer by the bathrooms and by the visitor seating near the grandstand. This item was a safety code issue identified after construction. Warm weather will be needed to complete these two items. Costs of these items were included in the total project costs last fall. Final payment to the contractor has been made. Park staff will work to improve seeding of the buffalo grass and irrigation behind the visitor dugout this spring.

Ulrich Memorial Bench - Park staff will build this winter, install this spring, this was board approved last fall with funds paid for the materials by the family. Bench location will be identified by Todd Kelly.

Mickelson Pond Sign – Park staff is designing and will build the welcome sign in similar style as other welcome to parks signs at our various parks. Engineering will need to identify location, just off 4th St. entrance to the park to comply with road right of way policy. Install will be this spring as time permits by Park staff.

Aquatic Center Boiler replacement - This is a 2017 project. Five bids were received with low bid going to Allied Plumbing of Pierre at \$213,000.00 Schedule is to start install by April 1 and complete by May 20th. YMCA and Pierre Swim Team are aware of schedule and shut down of the Aquatic Center during this time. Project came in under budget by \$60,000.00

Boys and Girls Club Bathroom remodel – This is a 2017 project. Engineering staff are preparing plans and goal is to bid this project out in February and have completion by June 1. Boys and Girls club are aware of schedule and have been involved in the design.

New Business

Request for Memorial bench

President Ahrendt introduced Randy Schumacher who presented a request to the board for permission to install a granite memorial bench at Griffin Park baseball field in memory of David Weisgram. The request is being made by the family with funding of the memorial by David's high school class. Schumacher showed pictures of the bench, answered questions and stated he was directed by the Weisgram family to handle the purchase, approval process, site selection and help with install. Farnsworth reported that the CCBA President Bob Gray was ok with this site and project. A motion was made by Judson, second by Simpson to approve this project as presented and to have Schumacher work with Todd Kelly on site selection at Griffin park baseball field. Motion carried. Schumacher thanked the board and stated his goal was to install by Memorial weekend as the class reunion was scheduled for Oahe Days in June and thus the class could visit/dedicate the memorial then.

2017 Trail Maps – Farnsworth handed out the current City trail map and stated a reprint is needed. Ahrendt asked for board input and Zeller and Simpson offered to meet with Mindy Cheap and help with input on the new map. The goal is to complete and print for distribution by May 1. The maps are very popular and used by visitors and new residents to Pierre.

Expedition Baseball League – Commissioner Harding and Farnsworth gave a handout to the board detailing the mission, history, philosophy and advantages of such a league. Steve Wagner, President of the Expedition League is trying to establish this league in the Dakota's, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Wagner needs a core group of 6-8 cities by 2018 to form and is asking Pierre to lease Hyde Stadium for such purpose in 2018. Post 8 Legion baseball board and the City have had several meeting with Wagner and it is possible a February 7 presentation may be made to the Mayor and Commission. Post 8 baseball interests would be protected both in scheduling and funds. Harding has met with representatives of the

Hyde family and they are ok with this concept. Future discussion is expected. The board took no action but did not express any opposition to the new league. 2018 would be the earliest any league could be formed pending Commission approval.

YMCA Update - Fabel reported the Aqua Swim a thon was a success and thanked Cheap for assisting, a new class on paddle board is being offered and a life guard class in March will be conducted. This is using the American Red Cross guidelines.

Dialogue - The board discussed the current park along Pleasant Street, at the corner of Poplar and Pleasant and just north of the railroad. There have been no accidents but safety issues are being reviewed, playground equipment is old and all agreed plans should be made for the future of this park. Ahrendt asked that a couple of members meet with Todd Kelly and review options, use of the La Barge former playground and or other ideas. A report on a plan, design, and costs should be made by July for consideration in the 2018 budget discussions. Judson and Zeller offered to be the committee to meet with Todd Kelly and work on a plan.

Grants – Farnsworth reported Recreational Trail grants are due to SDGF&P by April 7. The City will submit a project to rehabilitate the asphalt trail in Steamboat Park from the highway bridge to Causeway road with two bump outs for drinking fountains, benches, trash receptacle. Funding was earmarked for the City share of the project in 2017, pending grant approval.

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next meeting of the board will be February 16th.

Respectfully,

Tom Farnsworth, Director