

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting  
February 16, 2017**

Chair Bob Judson called the meeting to order at 3:30pm in the City Hall Conference Room.

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

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

Judson introduced Richey Berkey from Cherry Berry. Cherry Berry is considering Pierre as a potential location. They have been selling in the TF Riggs High School for 4 weeks and just delivered 1000 containers to the Middle School. The cups cost .90 for a 4oz container plus any delivery costs. They sell from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per cup. This is a healthy alternative to ice cream. The only concession the City manages is the outdoor pool. The rest of the concessions are run by the leagues. A freezer can be provided if necessary (most freezers hold ~400 cups). CherryBerry is currently delivering to the school system once per week. The Board thanked Richie for coming to the meeting and offering samples. They will consider adding this product and follow up next month with a recommendation. Kelly and Cheap will check on storage of a freezer at the old rec building west of the pool.

Staff reported on old projects and discussed the sign for the Mickelson Pond. City staff are in the process of constructing, Kelly showed several examples of wording and the board agreed to have Kelly continue with the City sign format we have used at all our local parks.

The Trail Maps Subcommittee met earlier today and began working. John is waiting for information from the Game, Fish and Parks State Parks division and will report back after March 1. The goal would be to print new maps in April or as soon as possible.

The Pleasant Drive Subcommittee will meet and report back at the next meeting.

The Expedition League lease of Hyde Stadium - Steve Wagner is presenting to the City Commission on Feb. 28. They will explain the league and ask for permission to negotiate a final lease. The board reviewed the Expedition League presentation prepared. The group discussed protecting the interest of Post 8, managing alcohol sales and maintaining the facility with increased activity. Hyde Stadium can seat over 1000 people. Aberdeen is also considering joining this new collegiate baseball league. Several communities in surrounding states have signed agreements. Farnsworth will report there is no opposition from the Board at this time.

Fabel presented that the YMCA is preparing for the boiler work which begins soon.

Mindy is working on summer recreation programs and hiring summer staff. Staff asked members to recommend any potential hires to the City and to the Recreation Department.

Zeller reported on a successful swim meet last weekend with great attendance. The 2018 State A Championship will be hosted in Pierre and three other meets are also considering Pierre to host meets.

Simpson reported that the La Framboise Mountain Bike race will be June 3rd.

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm. The next meeting of the board will be March 23 to avoid the state basketball tournaments.

Kelsey Smith, Recording Secretary