

**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

February 25, 2019

Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 6:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Brian Cassidy, Adam Huehnergath, Scott Kluesner, Jon Scherbring

Commission Members Absent: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

City Staff Present: Gavin Nadermann, Mary Jo Goldsmith

Approve Monday, February 25, 2019 Agenda

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Cassidy made a motion to approve the Monday, February 25, 2019 agenda. Motion seconded Huehnergath.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

Motion Carried

Oral Comments:

None

Approve January 23, 2019 Minutes

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Cassidy made a motion to approve the January 23, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

Motion Carried

Receive & File: Director's Reports (January 2019)

Gavin informed Commission that he will address the Westside bathroom situation which is in his report, later in the meeting.

Huehnergath made a motion to receive and file the Director's report. Motion seconded by Cassidy.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

Motion Carried

Item #1. Little League Fields Opening Event

Gavin informed the Commission that the Mayor would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new little league fields at Commercial Club Park. This would be later in the spring/early summer when the grass is established for the year. It was mentioned that having it on a date when there is a Beckman baseball game would bring more people to the event. The week of June 10th was suggested.

Ideas surfaced are as follows –

Have a bounce house

Serve hot dogs, along with ice cream (possibly donated by Schwan's)

Commercial Club board should be contacted to see if they would like to work with the City in planning the event

The mayor and the president of the Commercial Club board could throw out the first pitches

Have the Ghost Players there

Have drawings for donated prizes (baseballs signed by Nic Ungs, Ghost Players, etc.)

Offer the old city baseball & softball jerseys for sale at the event

Face painting and other games for kids (students needing service hours could run these)

Gavin will schedule Dyersville teams to play Dyersville teams on the date that is set for the ribbon cutting. June 6th was suggested as a possible date as Beckman is playing at the Commercial Club Park that day. The commission wants it to be on a date when the park is full. A PA system will also be needed.

Cassidy made a motion in favor of the ribbon cutting event tentatively on June 6th, with Gavin getting back to the Commission with more details at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Huehnergarth.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

Motion Carried

Item #2. Westside Park Restrooms Update:

Gavin reported on the cost of a Luxury Restroom Trailer in place of the porta-potties at Westside. Gavin clarified that the cost is \$1,000 per week just for the trailer, upwards of \$10,000.00 for the soccer season. That is a discounted price. The city will keep exploring other options. Brian Cassidy wondered if Randy Harter would consider buying one if he knew the City would be renting it for 10 weeks out of the year. Joe Hillebrand from Manchester also was mentioned. Cassidy suggested renting more handicapped porta-potties just because they are larger.

Item #3. Recreation Events:

a. Dubuque Fighting Saints Games – March 18

There have been no tickets sold as of now. The city did not have to pay for the tickets up front.

b. MDA Home Run Derby – May 18

This inaugural event will be held at the Field of Dreams on May 18th. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. The Iron Horse Classic Home Run Derby will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Iowa. There will be concessions available. Local celebrities will be contacted to pitch.

c. Bus Trip – Milwaukee Brewers vs. Chicago Cubs – September 8

A bus trip to Milwaukee for a Cub's vs Brewers ballgame has been set for Sunday, September 8th. The game begins at 1:10 PM. All details are not finalized at this time.

Commission Member Comments:

Brian Cassidy asked for confirmation that \$40,000.00 is still set aside for Westside Park. Gavin will confirm with Mick that this money is still in the budget for Westside Park. Much discussion took place concerning where the bathrooms would be placed if they were built. Gavin asked if the Commission thought it would be beneficial for the city to hire umpires for the baseball/softball games rather than the coaches needing to find their own umpires. It was thought that coaches had their go to kids for umpires. The city provides a list to the coaches. The Park & Rec Commission will hold a work session soon to help Gavin go through equipment and see what might be needed for new equipment. The little league and softball organizations have funds available to help with the cost of replacing equipment. The City will have a Babe Ruth team this year. Gavin asked for contact information regarding Babe Ruth contacts. The Commission will continue to meet through April and begin again in July.

Set date for next meeting: The date for the next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M. on a motion by Cassidy, seconded by Huehnergath.

Voice Call Vote: **AYES:** All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pam Goedken, Matt Monahan, Joey White

Motion Carried

Mary Jo Goldsmith

02/25/2019
Date