



### **Item #1: Baseball/Soccer Wrap Up**

Nadermann stated that they ran into a few problems with other towns moving people on the soccer teams. He will revisit these rules next year before the season starts. He will make it clear that is not acceptable. There were no issues with Dyersville teams.

Huehnergarth recommended netting at the Commercial Club diamonds to help with foul balls. Michel commented that this was one of many things that were delayed due to the pandemic.

### **Item #2: Baseball Factory Update**

Michel updated the commission on the opportunity to bring more income into the city with the Agreement with Baseball Factory. This was brought to the City Council several weeks ago. The games will be for 25 weeks, Wednesday through Sunday. Some of the income will go towards enhancing both Candy Cane and West Side fields and dugouts. Commercial Club property will need to continue to be enhanced. Some of the money will be reallocated and a possible budget amendment may be completed to move funds based on the income stream that will be coming in this next year. The Baseball Factory is committed to the long term. Using these fields would limit what they would need at the Field of Dreams. Also, the income would help enhance our current fields. Michel spoke with 2 contractors (J & R Supply & Nauman Masonry) regarding the concession stands and the bathrooms. They were in agreement that the concession stand should be removed and the building should be replaced and elevated and a patio created and other enhancements (flushable toilets/restrooms, etc.). They are looking at switching out some dugouts starting the end of this week and making the design similar to the ones at Commercial Club park (block with tin roof) and changing the fencing. In addition, they are also looking at adding a few practice pitching mounds so they can pitch outside. Town residents are asking if this will affect the town leagues. This should not interfere with our town leagues. Most games should be completed by 4:00 pm.

### **Item #3: Park Update**

City square – concept design completed by RDG to make sure we haven't missed anything. We are looking at 2 sponsors (one local and one national). We should receive the concept design within the next 2 to 3 weeks. We also acquired the old Ertl property to create the 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge. Still looking for other funding sources for this project. They are looking for grants to pay for this. They are also looking at the concept design. We may need a lot of fill for this area. Looking at possibly a pond for fishing. Great opportunities to have park features that we don't normally have (ex. create other fishing opportunities). Committee will be busy with these items. Other projects – Bear Creek Restoration project. This will reduce flood sediment in the park. This project is trying to reduce flood impacts both financially and cosmetically.

Goldsmith asked when the green space area will be completed. The Market has already set their dates for this summer. Michel said they were looking at a Spring/early Summer construction schedule. They will be doing it in pieces and will work with the Market to make things work. Construction time should not be too lengthy. The week of August 12<sup>th</sup> no one will be allowed in that area. The Market is looking at changing the August date to coincide with the MLB game. Covid issues may have a factor in what happens. The July event is July 31<sup>st</sup>, may need to change that date. Ragbrai may have a bearing on this date. We are still waiting on information for this event. The August 12<sup>th</sup> event is probably for sure.

#### **Item #4: Upcoming Events**

Michel already stated all events coming up.

#### **Item #5: Aquatic Center Discussion**

The pool vessel is in good shape and the building is in good shape. The roof may need to be replaced in the next few years. The garden club has cleaned up some of the landscaping issues. The Mayor would like to reallocate the funds we would have used this year on the pool to update the pool. Michel suggested taking out the loop slide and replacing it. It was put in in 1997, thus making it very dated. It's almost at the end of its useful life. The mushroom and other splash pad items need to be updated as well. Rather than putting a splash pad in another place in the city, the commission agreed to update the current equipment with playground type equipment with water accents (spraying items, etc.). The Mayor wants us to think BIG. We need to take care of immediate needs right now. Then, we need to decide what big projects can we do in the next 5 to 7 years to enhance the pool. With other events coming to town, other people will be using the pool as well. Mechanically speaking the pool is in great shape. Need to update features to have kids want to come to the pool.

Goedken left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Kids are currently bored with the current structure. The pool vessel hasn't really changed, looking at Cascade, for example. The features are what have changed. Adding features would increase income to the pool. The last time we spent money was 2009. It needs an update. We are unsure of what we have to spend, maybe \$40,000 to \$50,000. The fiscal year ends in the middle of the pool cycle so it's hard to know what we can spend. We would need items by February or March to get everything installed, so they need to order by January. We need a new diving board as well. Michel thinks we recently ordered one in the last year. Nadermann will check with John Wandsnider to see if it was installed. Research needs to be completed, possibly checking with Cascade and other area pools. We should have 3 members of the committee to get moving on this to have items installed for next year. The chair and 2 others should be on this committee. The committee should bring back 3 to 4 ideas to look at and then the commission should vote on this issue. Kluesner, Goldsmith and Scherbring will be on this committee.

**Comments:** We need a replacement for Brian Cassidy. If anyone has a recommendation, let them know.

Goldsmith left the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Some members are concerned with activity into town and some townspeople are not happy with it. Michel feels we need the activity to bring more income to town. Some are concerned with town league having fields. Michel stated this shouldn't be a problem since the games should finish by 4:00 pm. A lot of our 2020 opportunities just got shifted to 2021.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting is set for Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M. on a motion by Huehnergath, seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote:

**AYES:** All

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Matt Monahan, Goedken, Goldsmith

**Motion Carried**

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Sandy Oberbroeckling

10/26/2020

Date