

# **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

September 15, 2022

**Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 5:59 P.M.**

**Commission Members Present:** Jon Scherbring, Sarah Goldsmith, Nathan Huebner, Jason Lang, Scott Kluesner

**Commission Members Absent:** Matt Monahan

**City Staff Present:** Adam Huehnergath and Sandy Oberbroeckling

**Oral Comments:** None

### **Approve September 15, 2022 agenda**

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Huebner made a motion to approve the Thursday, September 15, 2022 agenda. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Monahan

**Motion Carried**

### **Approve July 13, 2022 Minutes**

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Huebner made a motion to approve the July 13, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Monahan

**Motion Carried**

### **Receive & File: June 2022 Director's Report**

**Oral Comments:** None

Huebner made a motion to receive and file the June 2022 Director's report. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Monahan

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #1: Soccer – game reschedules**

The first two to three weeks there were a lot of rescheduling game requests. Huehnergath stated that they can play with as few as 7 players, according to the rules. It seemed most of the rescheduling was due to inconveniences for the coaches. We had 8 or 9 rescheduled games in the first few weeks. Many of the

teams did not want to play the later afternoon games. The commission feels that many coaches were taking advantage of the ability to reschedule. In years past, we had very few reschedules. Next year we will make it clear that this is not acceptable.

### **Soccer – New fields/less players in a game**

Huehnergath has been researching soccer rules and what other teams are using for field size and number of players. Most of the youth teams use smaller fields and fewer players on the field at a time (7 players). The negative with this is that you will have less players on a team, meaning that more coaches will be necessary. A discussion made previously is that people don't want to coach because they don't know all the rules, where to get equipment, etc. We need to give the coaches a packet with the rules about the game and maybe have a workshop/clinic. The commission felt we may get more coaches that way. The information packet should include: rules, when/whom takes pictures, equipment, practice times, etc. Huehnergath is working on more fields next year so that kids get done earlier on Saturdays and this may alleviate all the rescheduling issues. Huehnergath also felt that if the fields were shrunk, it would give the kids a more equal opportunity. Goldsmith commented that the teams felt stacked this year. There are 3 dominant 3rd/4th grade teams. Also, a complaint that the out of town teams that have more than one team, has all the good players on one team, who dominate and the other team is terrible with their skills.

### **Soccer – Set up committee**

It would be good to make a committee of skilled and knowledgeable parents/coaches. It was questioned if we could have skills clinic so the coaches could see the skill level of the kids so they would be more equally divided. Wes Burkle and Steve Wessels were two individuals who said they would want to serve on this committee. It may be good to have a meeting with all 5 communities to get together to be sure we all have the same goals with this

### **Item #2: Plan for City Square**

There is a 26 page document on the City website showing the information regarding this project. The Downtown Market Committee went to the city council on September 6, 2022. They are concerned with the plans and they would like to have some input on what changes are taking place. The Market is bringing in 600 - 800 people on Saturday mornings, which is great for the city. The Market wants open communication between them and the city. They would like input on shading, stage placement, lights, permanent benches, etc. There have been a few changes in the plan and they would like to see the updates. Huehnergath is to ask the city council on Monday for an updated plan.

### **Item #3: Pickleball Updates**

#### **Perimeter**

The perimeter of the pickleball court did not look very nice. They were also having problems draining the water away because of the dirt around the courts. This caused water to remain on the courts. They are in the process of laying tile and filling in rock around the courts. They have also decided to concrete some of the areas as well.

#### **Lights**

They are also in the process of installing 3 lights around the pickleball courts. This should be complete in the next 1 to 2 weeks. They did have an issue with the tennis court area. The sign indicates that they can play as early as 6:00 am, so players want the lights on at 6:00 am. However, the courts fall under our park

rules, which aren't open until 7:00 am. Some of the players will be attending the Monday City Council meeting to request changing this rule.

### **Center Area**

As a commission we need to decide what should be placed in the center area between the courts. Do we want shading, seating, etc.? We need to take advantage of this unique area. Nothing will be installed until the Spring, so we have time to throw ideas around. There was also discussion on the Dyersville Pickleball Club (Facebook Group). Will they have a league or tournaments?

### **Item #4: Ice Skating (Westside Park /Donated Help)**

Huehnergath suggested having an ice skating rink down at Westside Park. He needs to look into insurance and liability if he were to do this. We do not have a lot of funds for this project. Goldsmith recommended speaking to Monticello. They have a rink and it is covered, then there is no need to shovel off snow in the winter. Huehnergath will research this for next meeting.

### **Item #5: Public Art**

Ashley Althoff reached out to Huehnergath about displaying public art. She has connections with someone that does welding that would be to make pieces to add to our parks. For example, maybe create a bench out of old aluminum bats and place near the baseball mural. They would like to add something interactive. This could draw more people to town. We need to seek out grants for these items. There are also painted shade materials out there as well. Huehnergath will send her website to the commission to see her art.

### **Item #6: Pool Features**

The glove slide that was chosen by Goldsmith and Klostermann cannot get approved; thus, we cannot install it. Huehnergath had a meeting with ACCO and this is what they told him. Goldsmith asked how Cascade can have a very similar slide installed and it is approved. Huehnergath needs to contact Cascade to see what they did to get their slide to pass. ACCO did not have good suggestions for a replacement item. The recommendation was an item similar to the bat item that they are already installing. ACCO has Carrie Koelker and others trying to get this slide to pass. Several other pools are having a similar problem. It was also mentioned that Manchester also has a similar slide. Commission questioned if there is a different company we can go through. ACCO has been frustrating to work with.

### **Commission Oral Comments:**

Goldsmith questioned whether we found a place for the skate park. This is a good project for the winter.

Huehnergath is requesting items that the commission would like to address at the next meeting. Goldsmith would like to discuss concession stands. They would like to create a Baseball Association or Dyersville Athletics Club to handle the concession stand. They are also aware that Westside Park cannot have a permanent structure since it is in the flood plain area. They are thinking a trailer would be a good idea. The Baseball Factory fields will not be reach until sometime in June, so they will still be using our fields. Lang also asked about bull pens. Are these a possibility? There really isn't a good place for bull pens. Batting cages have already been purchased, so Huehnergath would like to get these installed. Parking also seems to be an issue at the Commercial Club.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting is set for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M. on a motion by Huebner, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voice Call Vote:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** Monahan

**Motion Carried**

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Sandy Oberbroeckling

09/15/2022  
Date