

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES CITY OF DYERSVILLE

October 12, 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, Matt Monahan

Commission Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Adam Huehnergath and Sandy Oberbroeckling

Oral Comments: None

Approve October 12, 2022 agenda

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Huebner made a motion to approve the Wednesday, October 12, 2022 agenda. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

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

Motion Carried

Approve September 15, 2022 Minutes

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Huebner made a motion to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Goldsmith.

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

Motion Carried

Receive & File: August 2022 Director's Report

Oral Comments: None

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

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

Motion Carried

Item #1: Westside Baseball Fields

There has been an influx of games with the Baseball Factory teams coming in. We have nice fields at Westside, that dry quickly. We are adding new dugouts on Fields 2 and 3. These dugouts will look similar to the ones at Candy Cane Park. With the new dugouts, the players will have more shade and it will look

nicer. Our field quality is a reflection on our community. We are reinvesting some of the money that we received from the rent of the fields back into the fields. Goldsmith asked if we could get a new drinking fountain down there. The current ones are not very nice. There are 2 drinking fountains available in the basement of Commercial Club Park. Huehnergath has inquired about this. Goldsmith also requested that we move the trash dumpsters to a different location. The odor coming from the dumpsters is unpleasant and it's near the concessions. There were also comments heard that the opening on the permanent bathroom toilet is too large. Parents are worried about their small children falling into them. Many of the parents with small children use the portable restrooms because of this. The fences currently on the 1st and 3rd base line will remain as is. Kluesner asked if they could be tightened. The bottoms are some of them are stretched out currently. Huehnergath also stated that he would like to move the 5th and 6th grade games from Dyersville Commercial Club Park to Candy Cane Park.

Item #2: Fall Soccer

It's amazing that around 850 people come down to Westside Park on soccer Saturdays. It seems to work quite well. Huehnergath would like to address that fact that when we have more teams, we get done later on Saturdays. This was the cause of some of the rescheduling done early in the season. Huehnergath hopes to add more fields so they would be done no later than 2:00 pm on Saturdays. The 1st/2nd teams switched to 7 on 7 this year. Huehnergath hopes to change 3rd/4th grade teams to 9 on 9 next year. He would also like to make shorter and wider fields. This would allow 2 fields going North and South. If he can make two 5th/6th grade fields, he will. He is not sure if he'll have enough space.

Kluesner stated that we used to start a week earlier, but due to the Field of Dreams game, we deleted a weekend. He asked if we would be adding that back in next year since there will not be an MLB game. There was also one game played during the week, adding up to 8 regular season games. Goldsmith commented that she like 6 games. She thought it was long enough. Huehnergath likes having a dead week, so families can do a last-minute family activities.

There was also a comment about creating a coach's letter to include: rules, practice times, fields where to practice, photographer, etc. Huehnergath would like to do a better job coaching the coaches. He may have clinics as well to learn more. If this is done, we may be able retain some of the coaches that coach when their kids are young, but then don't feel like they know enough to coach the older grades.

There were mixed feeling on having a Gold and Silver bracket. Huehnergath liked it and thought the teams that didn't have as good of record enjoyed it more. Other commission members did not like it.

Item #3: Pool Features

No slides are allowed in the pool with a depth of more than 12 inches. Other pools that have a similar item that we want to install are grandfathered in. ACCO has other cities with the same issue. The scoreboard will be in the front. The spin n' sprays will be located where the mushroom and blue feature used to be and the aqua spouts will be where the bubbler features were located.

Huehnergath had hoped to speak with the ACCO representative, but he was out of the office. They hope to start construction in 3 weeks.

Lang asked about installing a shade area similar to the one at Dairy Queen. There is just not enough space. There was conversation regarding removable umbrellas. There is shade available on the grass. Do people enjoy sitting on the grass?

Item #4: Pickleball Courts

They are installing concrete on the outside of the courts today and tomorrow. Huehnergath has seen many younger people playing pickleball. It's an easy sport to learn and play and very affordable for supplies. It works for all ages. The location of the new pickleball court is fabulous. This will make it viable to have tournaments. In the future, Huehnergath plans to spruce up the playground next door. Huehnergath threw around the idea of having the Iowa State University Extension Office (or Huehnergath) have classes on how to play pickleball. Huehnergath will be installing 2 benches that have shade in the center of the pickleball court. They have also made entrances on the East & West sides, making it easier to get to the permanent restrooms.

Commission Oral Comments:

Huehnergath's first priority is putting a concession stand at Commercial Club Park. People will not usually walk any type of distance to get a snack.

Goldsmith asked if we had an agreement with the photographer we had this year. She heard many negative comments regarding the website, expense, quality and communication. Some teams went with Erin Goldsmith to get pictures at a cheaper rate and get the products they wanted. Is there any way we can just put a list of photographers that the teams can choose from? This could be put in the coach's packet.

Monahan stated that he would like to see the Senior League have a tournament next year. Other parents had voiced this same opinion. He did like the combining of all 4 grades into one team. This also helped the other towns.

Set date for next meeting: The date for the next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. on a motion by Monahan, seconded by Scherbring.

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

Motion Carried

Sandy Oberbroeckling

10/12/2022
Date