

Park & Recreation Commission Work Session

City of Dyersville

January 23, 2017

Meeting called to order by Adam Huehnergath at 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Brian Cassidy, Joshua Haas, Adam Huehnergath, Jenny Osterhaus, Joey White

Commission Members Absent: Pam Schmitt

City Staff Present: Matt Unga, Mary Jo Goldsmith

Item # 1: Director's Update

Matt Unga welcomed Jenny Osterhaus & Joey White to the Commission.

Matt will be meeting with Heier Fencing this week regarding fencing for the new Little League diamonds at Commercial Club Park. Installation of the fencing will depend on Heier's timeline, possibly the last week of April or early May. One of the diamonds will be 220' all the way around. The other diamond will be the same distance as Westside Park. If everything is completed by May, the lights could be installed this summer using money from the new budget cycle. Outrun the Rays has grant opportunities available for covering the dugouts & bleachers at Little League diamonds. The city would need to match the grant and the grant would be just for materials. The city would need to install.

The 2017 Park & Rec brochure will be available the first or second week of February. It will include information about forming a Pickleball Club. Plans are to play pickleball on the tennis courts this summer and if there is interest, a pickleball court could be made at Westside on the cement slab north of the basketball court.

Baseball, softball, Tball & soccer registration will open on Monday, January 30th. The registration form includes a question if the child wants to participate in league tournaments this summer.

Item #2: Prioritizing of Capital Improvement Projects

The City is planning to complete the small projects. The disc golf course will be built this summer at Westside Park with help from Girl Scouts. The posts for disc golf will be put in this summer to see if there is interest in the sport. Permanent tee boxes will be placed later if interest in the sport increases. Prairie grass will be planted in that area to add areas of interest to the course.

The splash pad at the aquatic center is starting to take shape. The plumbing is already there. This could be a year to year project with \$10,000 - \$12,000 budgeted yearly for the purchase of items for the splash pad area.

Adam brought up the pocket park area in the area north and west across the street from the Basilica and the possibility of putting a gazebo there. That area is no longer in the plan for a gazebo. The gazebo will be placed in the northwest area of the town square, east of Xavier gym. The commission agreed that the gazebo should be a priority. Adam mentioned that maybe there would be people willing to donate towards the gazebo perhaps as a memorial to someone as was done with the benches at Westside Park.

The mayor has requested that more playground equipment be placed at Westside Park. A sand volleyball league will also be explored. If interest, a sand court could be built at Westside.

Bocce ball is also a suggestion that Boy Scouts could do as an Eagle Scout project.

Jenny Osterhaus questioned the concession stand at Westside Park. She feels the City is missing an opportunity and that there should be more offered for concessions. The problem is getting people to volunteer to run the stand.

Item #3: Baseball Draft / League Tournament Team

The registration forms include a question this year asking if the child wants to participate in league tournaments. If there are enough players interested, this team/teams would play in the league tournaments. A parent/coach would need to step forward to volunteer coach this team. The draft would be handled in the regular manner as always. Brian Cassidy asked if tball would be tball or if there would be pitching. It will be hit off the tee.

Item #5: Soccer Scheduling

The season will be a 6-week season, with tournament play the following 2 weekends. A gold & silver bracket was suggested to give more teams a chance to play another game in the tournament.

Item #6: Private Swim Lesson Update

Swim lesson registration will open on March 1st. Private lesson registration will take a different approach this year. Participants will choose a time for the private lessons when they register. The guards will not be calling to set up the lessons.

Registration forms will be emailed through school newsletters.

Jenny Osterhaus would like to see the baseball/softball schedule end earlier. Matt said that they can reschedule their later games so they can finish the season earlier, but they need to schedule that on their own.

The work session adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Mary Jo Goldsmith

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Date