

Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Members Present: Gary Klaus, Denise Berlotti, Erin Mignin, Brooke Lipe, Tom Mifflin, John Cozair, Heather Warren.

Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes was made by Tom M. and seconded by Gary K.

Department Updates:

- KRC pool slide is not completed and hoping to have it done now by the Christmas break. Parties are starting to cancel.
- A recommendation will be presented to the city council for their approval to allow stand-up paddleboards on Silver Lake in 2020.
- A request to come up with a theme for a tree sculpture at Silver Lake was made by Director Rosen.
- A new senior citizen center is being planned for
- One way of possibly reducing the need for so many part-time personnel and improving guest relations is to hire a fitness person since there is so much competition among other fitness clubs in town. This idea would also eliminate a need for a part-time supervisor
- Flugelfest was relatively successful for it being our first one.

Old Business:

- Director Rosen stated that he presented the department's comprehensive plan and although there were a few questions, the council seemed happy with it because it gave direction as to goals and priorities for future council members
- Consideration for a new playground is needed for Hoffman Park and ideas were shared.

New Business:

- Dates for the 2020 meetings was approved to stay with the same months as 2019.
- Director Rosen made contact w/ a gentleman that will conduct "Owl Prowls" at Silver Lake next year.
- 2020 PEP grant recommendations included the purchase of equipment for Daley Playground to finish it next summer.
- Various ideas were shared to address the minimum wage increases. Many thoughts were shared and reducing hours of operation, increasing fees slowly and creating new programs were the most talked about.

A motion to adjourn at 8:15PM was made by Brooke L., seconded by John C.

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Brooke Lipe
Tom Mifflin
Erin Mignin
Heather Warren
Gary Klaus
- Members absent: John Coziar
Denise Berolatti

APPROVAL OF July 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes as written was made, approved, and carried by all. Minutes will be made official and sent to city for record.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- The Rinderer Park merry go round has a rusted spindle. The company that makes it has been informed, but there has been little action so far.
- A swing set, zip line, disc swing, and plenty of tile have been ordered for the unfinished portion of the playground at Rinderer Park.
- The slide at the Korte Rec Center pool has been shut down. Metal started coming off when annual cleaning/painting took place. It is estimated to cost \$24,000 to fix the stairs and the slide will likely be closed until the end of October.
- An Eagle Scout trail project has begun at Rinderer Park. A sidewalk has been poured and trees will be planted.
- A new grant for Silver Lake will include a fish rearing pond and the fostering of a wetlands area near the first gully on the Silver Lake Trail.
- Korte Rec Center attendance is now up to 2.75 million visits.
- The bike/walking trail on Highway 160 is going out for bid in the fall. It will cost an estimated \$670,000 and the Parks Department will need to come up with about \$400,000.
- About six miles of the asphalt on the existing bike trail is getting fixed.
- The Jaycees paid for concrete to be poured under the benches at the dog park.
- There is a new roof on the pavilion at Silver Lake.
- There will be a new traffic light near the bike trail at the intersection of Highway 40 and Hemlock Street.

OLD BUSINESS

- The naming of pavilions was a topic of discussion and a motion was approved by Brooke Lipe, seconded by Heather Warren, and carried by all to name the pavilions after Jerry Beard, mayor of Highland at the time Silver Lake was constructed, and Roland Harris, Highland historian and great-grandson of the owner of the land Silver Lake was built on.

NEW BUSINESS

The Hoffman Park slide has been rebuilt, but a new surface is needed underneath the slide. It has been difficult finding a contractor willing to pu