

Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Meeting

Members present: Denise Berlotti, Erin Mignin, Gary Klaus, Tom Mifflin, Brooke Lipe. Welcome to our new member, Gary Klaus who replaced John Hipskind in light of John's election to the city council.

Motion to approve the May 21, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Tom M., seconded by Brooke L.

Department Updates

- > The merry-go-round at Rinderer Park has a rusted spindle and not moving so the playground company will address this.

- > To complete the playground, a swing-set, zip line, disc-swing and tile will have to be ordered and likely to have a portion of it paid by the next PEP grant and remaining balance from Highland Area Foundation.

- > We had to shut the slide down in the Korte Rec. Center pool because when the annual cleaning and maintenance started on it, a great deal of the metal is corroded through. Estimated costs are over \$24,000 and likely will remain closed until the end of October of this year.

- > The Eagle Scout candidate has started work at Rinderer to pour a sidewalk between the trees planted and introduce pollinator plants on the berms.

- > We received a grant for work in Silver Lake (319 Grant) and will be installing a fish-rearing pond and wetlands area at the start of the Silver Lake Trail. This is scheduled to be completed by this Thanksgiving.

- > The KRC is now at 2.75 million visitors.

- > IL 160 trail is going out for bid this fall.

- > Thanks to Tom M. for donating his services to cleaning the roof of Pavilion #4 at Silver Lake Park.

Old Business: Naming of Pavilions – Additional discussions related to ensuring we were following the guidelines for naming rights was approved by the city council and to simply “check our work” in regards to having accurate information was recommended since we don't want to put a plaque on with the wrong information. It was decided to put off approving this until the next meeting simply to give time for verifying the information a second/third time.

New Business: Director Rosen gathered input from members as to what priorities and BMP's would be needed to add to the department's comprehensive plan that he wants to put out to the city manager by this November. Recommendations by the committee included a broad range of goals for all parks, buildings and future recreational programming too numerous to include specifically here.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brooke L. and seconded by Gary K.