



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 17th @ 5:30 p.m.
SERGEANT BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER
903 TOPAZ- FIRESIDE ROOM

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

Call to Order:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
Neil Stockfleth	Chairman	Present	
Kirk Moriarty	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Cyndi Nelson	Board Member	Present	
Colin Tague	Board Member	Present	
Lisa Ryan	Board Member	Present	

Others attending: Tyler Tweet, Parks & Recreation Director
Carol Clark, City Council Member
Andrea Johnson, City Council Member

OPEN DISCUSSION

Tyler opened discussion with the trees please grant. He wants suggestions of where we'd like to see the trees planted because Kiwanis Park and the rec complex are getting full, and they would still like to do a few other things. The Trees Please Grant is a grant that helps to beautify city areas. So, you can plant the trees in any public space, it doesn't have to be in just the city parks. There was discussion about placement of the trees due to the utilities that run underneath.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Moriarty to approve the agenda.
All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve minutes at the next meeting

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Tyler stated the only purchase this month was craft items for their craft night. He also said that we need a new scrubber. They discovered it hadn't been serviced in 3 years, so they had someone come look at it

and it was completely corroded and rotted. They discussed how often they want to see the report. They decided starting in January 2022 and then quarterly.

PARKS

Tyler said that his big projects that he's looking at right now are, In Jefferson Park he is looking at putting in a dog park. After Tyler's 1st month here, they sent out a Facebook survey of things that people would love to have, as far as projects that the parks and rec department can do is look at putting in a dog park. Tyler said there's about 85 ft by 100 feet there without moving the playground. Talked about pricing for dog equipment and different places where the dog park could go. Neil asked about maybe putting the dog park over by the Sioux City Airport.

Tyler said the big project he's looking at putting in at Baker Park is some sort of Community Garden. His idea of a community garden is we just have a plot of land with different size plots that people come and rent a plot for the growing seasons. If we remove the structure, it gives us 250 ft by 50 ft of space. Tyler stated that he is trying to find grant money.

Talked about the Kiwanis Pond project and the grant money that Gabe Sassman won for his presentation at the Iowa DNR state level. He took first place and was awarded \$100,000 to go towards the project. It was a big effort by a lot of people including, Tami Coyle, our great grant writer! The grant did score number 1 out of all the grants that they received. The project will be like a little nature classroom. Neil stated that he would like to see the final plan.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Tyler updated the contracts. He did some research throughout the entire Siouxland area and contacted different venues to get ideas about what they're doing as far as wedding rentals, catering, etc. They did raise the prices a little bit just to keep up with the times. Community Center/Gym Rental is now \$1000 up from \$900. If you want to do it per hour, it's \$125 instead of \$100. We are also going to start charging court rentals. So, if it's a Sgt. Bluff resident it will be \$5 an hour and if they are from out of town, it will be \$10 an hour to rent the court. Fireside and Game Room went up by \$5 an hour. Day prior set up is \$100 an hour, tablecloth rentals went up by \$1 per tablecloth. \$5 dollars for a table per day and \$1 for a chair per day and that's dependent on what the community center needs for those. Tyler asked for thoughts on caterers. He would like to have a preferred caterers list and if they don't want to use one of our caterers, they would pay a catering buyout fee. They added in more strict payment processes, damage deposit and added a cleaning fee. Events must be done by 11:00 pm.

Neil circled back after Letters to Santa and asked if anyone had concerns or input. They discussed the caterers list and maybe adding a bakers list as well.

Cyndi mentioned seeing the game room and not knowing that was there. Tyler asked for ways to promote the game room because the kids don't seem interested in using it. Carol stated that we never got the chance to launch an opening because right as it was finished Covid hit, and we closed the centers doors.

Starting in January they're looking at getting sometimes at night for Pickle ball. The Pickle ball Association can publicize to their members to come down to Sergeant Bluff and play on our 3 courts on the furthest west wall. So, starting in January, we're going to try to have Pickle ball here at least twice a week at night.

Tyler stated he is still trying to get a hold of H2i, out of Sioux Falls. The guy from Des Moines won't respond. He's looked into some different concrete companies to come give him some quotes. Club Volleyball would like to partner up with us. They are going to run their club volleyball out of the community center gyms two nights a week. They will take all 3 courts and pay for using the courts. They are interested in helping with our spring volleyball program.

Winterfest is December 5th from 3 to 6.

December 18th, they have staff that is willing to work so they scheduled a Parents Day Out. From 9 am to Noon, parents can drop their kids, ages 3 to 13 off with us for \$20, per child. Then at 6 pm they will be showing the movie Elf with popcorn and lemonade.

The Community Center is going to have Letters for Santa. Kids can come whenever they want and write a letter to Santa and put it in the mailbox.

POOL

Tyler stated they have a proposal from JEO and he's waiting for a proposal from Water works, an engineering firm out of Kansas City. Water Works is supposed to have the proposal to Tyler by the end of the week. There was some confusion on what we were having the professionals come and look at. The board wants a study done to look at options and alternatives with cost.

RECREATION

December 16th they are going to have their craft night and they are going to make hot cocoa jars. October, they had 17 people attend the t-shirt craft night. Last night, November 16th they had 6 people attend the candle holder craft. They also had 3 people pick up the craft and take them home due to not being able to attend. They talked about maybe transferring the upstairs into a craft room. There is some concern about it being accessible to everyone.

Talked about the IBF membership, policies, and pricing. Parks members stated that we changed it a year ago, but it was never updated. I will try to find the notes for when the changes were made.

There are 9 teams for adult volleyball. The games will be at the Community Center instead of at the Middle School. Tyler said it is going very well.

Tyler said they are doing a Turkey Trot next Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. There are 10 people signed up and Carol is going to provide pie for everyone.

Tyler and Lexi put up an announcement on the Parks & Rec Facebook Page asking people to email them their address if they're decorating their house. They would like to create a map of houses that have decorations/lights up so people can do their own holiday tour. They have also asked the Community Action Team if they would be willing to purchase lights for the pine tree that is out front by the entrance of the walking trail to have a tree lighting event. Talked about setting some guidelines while driving around looking at lights.

DISCUSSION & PREPARATION FOR JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

The parks & rec board discussed different items on the 1- and 5-year plan that they want to put at the top of the list to present to council. Number 1 being Kiwanis Pond and number 2's got to be the pool and number 3 would be the gym floor. Carol stated that we should not only bring up the big-ticket items

but also throw in some smaller projects that can maybe be funneled in at some point. For example, the dog park is another top want from the residents. Neil stated that we should not overlook some of the funding opportunities from big businesses. Some small projects are the dog park and disc golf tee boxes.

ADJOURN

We didn't do motions to adjourn due to the long meeting.

Peyton Bainbridge, Secretary

Neil Stockfleth, Chair