



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

SERGEANT BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER
903 TOPAZ DRIVE- FIRESIDE ROOM

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDING WERE:

Present: Gloria Hawks, Cyndi Nelson, Kirk Moriarty, Neil Stockfleth, Angie Van Otterloo (arrived 5:37pm), Colin Tague

Absent:

Others attending: Tyler Tweet, Parks & Recreation Director
Lexi Doletina, Asst. Parks & Recreation Director
Carol Clark, City Council Member
Andrea Johnson, City Council Member
Jason Kvidera, Assistant City Administrator
Jon Winkel, Mayor

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Neil presented an amendment to section #1 of the minutes of December 14, 2022 to add: The Board agreed upon short and long term park and recreation goals and priorities for 2023 and updated the long term planning document.”

A motion was made by Moriarty, seconded by Nelson to approve the December 14, 2022 minutes as amended.

All ayes, motion carried.

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Tyler had previously e-mailed out the Revenue & Expenditure Report to the Parks Board for their review. There were no questions.

OPEN DISCUSSION (No action may be taken) Please limit discussion of each item to 10 minutes.

Brenda Sale read a statement to the board in opposition to the decision to charge fees for using the Rec facility, she believes this will make it more difficult for youth coaches, and asked the board to reconsider that decision.

Carol Clark said on behalf of City Council she appreciates her volunteer hours.

Jon Winkel explained that the Parks budget will look different this year. There will be some new numbers that are place holders for a significant project that will be announced March 28th at CommCon 15, further details can't be provided yet due to an NDA. There were discussion regarding Tyler Tweet's time.

Colin Tague discussed that Little League was interested in putting in some outdoor bullpens. Tyler explained that there has been discussion about the relationship and responsibilities between the City and Little League. Jason Kvidera said that is something that the bullpens idea could be presented and be taken to council.

DISCUSSION ACTION/ITEMS

1. Sergeant Bluff Community Center

Daddy Daughter Dance

Tyler received a lot of good feedback on Facebook regarding the event. He has partnered with Pub 52 who will offer a discount from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Fifty couples are signed up already. Last year they had 70 so we are track to meet last years attendance. The event will be Feb 11th in the Gym.

Pickleball Court

Tyler said there are close to 70 members using the Pickleball Courts. He's looking to tape another Pickleball court near the garage. That would provide a 6th court.

Carol said that the Pickleball Association will come down and do the taping for the group.

There was no objection presented to this idea.

Advertising Trade

Tyler explained that Siouxland Advertising approached us about doing an 18-month contract by exchanging ad space in restrooms, they will give us advertising in 10 different locations of our choosing. It is a straight up trade, no money involved.

Kirk Moriarty wanted to be sure that they would be family friendly ads.

There was no objection as long as Tyler has control of what is put up.

A motion was made by Moriarty, seconded by Tague to approve Tyler proceeding with a no-cost advertising trade with Siouxland Advertising as long as we are able to control what goes on the advertisement.

All ayes, motion carried.

Draft Fee Schedule

Tyler discussed the possibility of charging \$250.00/month for baseball and softball. He reviewed how the process would work. Discussion was had on who would monitor it.

There was discussion about an agreement and what responsibilities would belong to each party.

Jon Winkel suggested that the City Attorney be involved with drafting an agreement that would have Parks & Rec Board input.

There was additional discussion regarding the use of fields, maintenance fees, scheduling, the use of Tyler's time, and the scoreboards.

It was the consensus of the Parks Board that the City should work out an agreement with Little League and Softball.

Court Fee Discussion

Tyler said that there was some pushback due to the cost. The mid-year change was a contributing factor. It was emphasized that the original letter explained that because it was a mid-year change the department was willing to work with them.

There was extensive discussion regarding methods of raising funds via fees and sponsorships for a variety of Parks & Rec Programs.

2. Outdoor Pool

Neil discussed the pool study. There was discussion regarding what the value is in retaining the pool in the community. Funding limitations for repairing the pool features and the desire of having the amenity in the community were considered. Four members were ok with keeping the pool but without the features (except the pool), they would like new chairs, lifeguard stands, diving board, umbrellas, and some lighting. One member believes that we should get rid of the pool at this point.

Tyler explained that he would like to make staffing changes. He is working to change that by having fewer staff and shut down during the legally required break times.

3. Parks/Recreation

Spring Sport Registrations

Tyler said that we have Soccer and Volleyball sign-ups going on right now. Volleyball registrations are down a little bit, possibly because this is the first year the Arena is doing volleyball leagues.

Park Projects

Neil asked about the Kiwanis Park Project.

Jason said that everything is ready. Barcon is the contractor. They will be done by March.

Tyler said that he is getting more quotes for the A/V System. There is a board in town looking at donating funds to put in a dog park up at Baker Park. It was discussed that the Board would like to have the Dog Park sooner rather than later. The possibility of having an interim park while the other one generates funding.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hawks, seconded by Moriarty to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.
All ayes, motion carried.

Danny Christoffers, Acting Secretary

Neil Stockfleth, Chair