



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
SERGEANT BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER
Joint Meeting With City Council
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, Colin Tague

Absent:

Others attending: Tyler Tweet, Parks & Recreation Director
Carol Clark, City Council Member
Andrea Johnson, City Council Member
Ron Hanson, City Council Member
Jim Linafelter, City Council Member
Aaron Lincoln City Administrator
Jason Kvidera, Assistant City Administrator
Jon Winkel, Mayor

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moriarty, seconded by Van Otterloo to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes as amended.
All ayes, motion carried.

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

There were no major expenses to report.

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

There was none.

DISCUSSION ACTION/ITEMS

Sergeant Bluff Community Center

The Daddy Daughter dance had over 100 couples, 30 more than last year. He's waiting for pictures to come back from photographer.

Summer Adventure Camp.

He is beginning to hire. There will be just as many campers this year as last, if not more. Field trips have been booked.

Outdoor Pool

We are hiring for the pool. It looks like we'll be ok for guards this year. Former lifeguards have 2 weeks to get their applications in, then give new lifeguards to get their applications in. We're going to try new things for staffing this year, we will be going by Iowa pool code. We are looking at getting rid of the deep fryer and bringing in an air fryer.

Parks/Recreation

Basketball is done this Sunday. Numbers are up this year. Volleyball starts this Sunday, they will be playing at the highschool. Volleyball numbers are way down this year because Arena opened a volleyball league. If that trend continues we will bring everything in-house.

Scholarships

After meeting with School and Community Action Team Tyler would like to start some sort of scholarship program.

The criteria for qualifying for a scholarship program was discussed. Options for who could provide scholarship funds were considered, including: Businesses, Boosters, Winkel Family Foundation.

Tyler will bring back more information.

Little League - Softball

Tyler met with Little League and Softball to get their feedback on a draft agreement. We are working on leaning that up to determine responsibilities etc.

Jason Kvidera said that the City will pick up more responsibility on field clean up etc.

Neil asked if the Parks Board could review that for informational purposes.

Senior Center

Tyler said that the Senior Center is going into the old library building. We're going to try to have it open by April 3rd. Their stuff is in cold storage, he will go through those items with John Robinson. Lexi will help coordinate some programs when it opens.

There was discussion about the furnishings.

Andrea Johnson said that she has a lead on a place that is closing who might be able to provide some things the Center would need.

Review Parks Board Projects

Neil Stockfleth reviewed the Parks Projects list. Jason Kvidera explained that changes that are occurring from the State of Iowa will impact our tax revenue and impact projects.

Items discussed between the Parks Board and City Council included:

- Kiwanis Park - The pond deepening project is in progress.
- Pool Study - The consensus of the Parks Board was that we will keep it operating but not repairing the features. The City will be purchasing new Chairs, lifeguard stands, and a diving board. The concession stands will have some updates. A shade structure is being discussed.

- Community Center - Bids are coming in for the audio/visual equipment at the center. There was discussion on future improvements to the outward appearance of the Community Center and previous plans.
- Dog Park - Jefferson Park will be utilized for a Dog Park. Fencing has been procured, it will be installed this Summer.
- Privacy Fence at Splash Pad - A nylon screen will be placed on the 4 foot fence. A 6 foot privacy fence was discussed, but concerns about previous and potential future vandalism were of great concern.

Tyler Tweet provided updates to Senior Center facility and services, Little League/Softball partnership, and ongoing projects.

Neil discussed some research on similar communities and amount of dollars spent for Parks and Rec and where Sergeant Bluff ranks.

Additional planned expenses for this year were discussed such as awnings at the fields, the possibility of finding grants to assist in other desired projects was considered.

Carol Clark mentioned the Council has discussed professional cleaning services to assist with events and gym floor. Discussion occurred on cell phone policy and expectations for the teenage workers at the Community Center.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Van Otterloo, seconded by Moriarty to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Danny Christoffers, Acting Secretary

Neil Stockfleth, Chair