PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 15th, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
SERGEANT BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER
903 TOPAZ DRIVE- FIRESIDE ROOM

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDING WERE:
Present: Gloria Hawks, Cyndi Nelson, Neil Stockfleth, Angie Van Otterloo, Colin Tague, Jeff Edlund(phone)
Absent:
Others attending: Tyler Tweet, Parks & Recreation Director
Nick Venesky, Rec Coordinator
Andrea Johnson--City Council Member
Jim Linafelter--City Council Member

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

APPROVE MINUTES
A motion was made by Tague, seconded by Hawks to approve September 13th & October 18th minutes.
All ayes, motion carried.

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT
30% of revenue for the year which includes everything from Parks and Rec, Community Center, swimming pool, and IBF. Our spending is at 35% so not terrible just going to keep an eye on that.

1. **Special Notes**
    a) **Welcome Jeff Edlund-** Tyler welcomed Jeff Edlund onto the Parks & Recreation Board with Kirk leaving.
    b) **Flag Football Notes-Jeff Gacke-** Jeff Gacke attended tonight with some recommendations/suggestions from Flag Football that some of the other coaches and him think will improve flag football for next season. They are wanting the games to be right away in the morning and were wondering if the fields could be shortened width wise to fit 3 fields instead of just 2 to cut down the time people are there. Talked about the referees and how to improve their skills. Also, talked about having a mandatory of 3 coaches per team and one coach must officiate the game. Jeff Edlund suggested trying 15 minutes of offense and then 15 minutes of defense. Talked about having set practices for each grade on a specific day.

2. **Community Center**
    a) **Winter Fest-** Scheduled for December 3rd. Tyler has been trying to separate what Community Action Team does and what Parks and Rec does instead of Parks and Rec just running events for them. So, this year we will be setting up and tearing down, but any events they would like to have they will need some more involvement from the CAT members.
    b) **Christmas Events (movie, craft, letters to Santa)-** Christmas movie will take place in the gym. Time and date for the movie is TBD. The new AV system is installed, so there are two brand new projectors, and a sound board. There is a HDMI jack on the floor now, so we don't have to drop a cable. There will be a craft night and we are doing letters to Santa again.

3. **Recreation**
    a) Basketball Registration- Registration is currently up and going and right now there are 49 kids registered with 5 weeks left until registration is closed. Last year there were 161 kids signed up so hoping to reach that if not pass that this year.
    b) Turkey Trot- The Turkey Trot will be this Saturday morning at 9 am and will consist of walking around the trail twice. Right now, there are 20 people signed up.
    c) November Craft- Craft night is tomorrow in the Fireside room and the craft is Wine cork Pumpkins.

4. **Parks**
    a) **Electricity to rec trail/Lighting of trees for December-** There are now 4 poles around the trail that have electricity to start decorating some of the trees. Tyler's idea is to try to eventually have all the trees around the trail lit up and maybe open it up to businesses or families that want to decorate in the future.

5. **Club 55+**
    a) Cyndi coordinating events for Club 55+ - There is Bingo tomorrow (Thursday) and there will be a vaccine clinic on Monday. Just started men's coffee and conversation last Wednesday and this morning there were 12 gentlemen here and 10 people for Senior Meals. There was discussion on how difficult it has been to get the Club 55+ information out to the appropriate age group because a lot of elders don't have social media. Jim Linafelter suggested getting a hold of Joe Rose at the Prairie Bluff Condos. Jeff Edlund suggested snail mail and sending it out to the residents. Also, discussed keeping the name Club 55+ or changing it before a sign is put up. Tyler stated that the sidewalk out front is getting repaired, so he is going to filter everyone over to the Club 55+ doors to enter the Rec center.

6. Other
    a) Dog Park Equipment & Ribbon cutting- Equipment has been delivered and is being stored at Public Works. Kirk and Wall of Fame donated some signage for the dog park that is also being stored at Public Works right now. There was discussion about having a ribbon cutting but not sure if they want the Chambers to come down.
    b) Requested joint council meeting- Budget Season is coming up so Tyler has asked Danny about getting a joint meeting with Council before the budget talks happen because they will want a copy of the boards short term and long-term projects.

c) **Review project list-** Tyler read off the short-term and long-term goals that the board has wrote down so far. Neil asked about Kiwanis Park and if that was still in Parks and Recs hands and it is not. He also mentioned really liking the idea of putting a park on the west side of town. Although, there is no land for sale. There was discussion about fixing/updating the tennis courts at Jefferson Park and lots of discussion regarding the IBF. Neil brought up adding a sidewalk out to dogwood trail so there was some discussion regarding that. Talked about the 5-foot sidewalk that will be added for Serenity Estates. Angie brought up fixing the scoreboards at the baseball/softball fields. She asked if she could get scoreboards if the city would be able to fix the electrical problem. Tyler mentioned that all the door frames in the Rec center need new ones.

OPEN DISCUSSION (No action may be taken) Please limit discussion of each item to 10 minutes.
Planned a special meeting for December 13, 2023 and everyone is to bring a list of their 3 large and 3 small projects they think need to be brought to council.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hawks, seconded by Van Otterloo to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.
All ayes, motion carried.

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Peyton Bainbridge, Acting Secretary Tyler Tweet, Chair