PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 20, 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, Colin Tague, Jeff Edlund
Absent: Neil Stockfleth, Angie Van Otterloo

Roll Call of City Council & Mayor: Kirk Moriarty, Carol Clark, Jim Linafelter, Andrea Johnson, Ron Hanson, Jon Winkel

The City Council conducted some preliminary business before the Joint Meeting Began.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL:

City Foundation Request for Council Approval of the Light Tunnel Concept in the Recreation Complex

There was discussion about the City Foundation's request to install a light tunnel on the trail at the recreation complex. Items discussed pertaining to the lighted tunnel included: It would provide a new aesthetic for the trail, it's made out of metal, it would be purchased and installed by the City Foundation, it could provide a photo opportunity in the community, additional lighted tunnels could be added at a later date. Fire Chief Anthony Gaul said that there were no issues with the current proposed location.

The Parks Board took the following action:
A motion made by Colin Tague, seconded by Gloria Hawks to recommend to the City Council the City Foundation's request to install a Light Tunnel in the Recreation Complex.
All ayes, motion carried.

Formal action by the City Council will be taken at the next Council Meeting. City Council members expressed their agreement with the light tunnel project.

Discussion and Potential Council Action Regarding IBF Building and Usage

Tyler Tweet proposed modifying the IBF Building to be used as a multi-purpose facility. He suggested having drop down nets for the batting facility. Other possible uses discussed included golf, archery, and pickleball. He would like to change the memberships to be Team or League orientated rather than individual memberships. The facility use would rotate seasonally.

There was discussion about the need to update/renovate the facility, the facility being currently underutilized, the need to transition the current memberships, and the possibility of having reservations for use of the facility. Fire Chief Anthony Gaul noted that a change of the use of the facility may change occupancy and applicable Fire codes.

Conversation about budgeting for 2024 Parks & Recreation Projects

Jeff Edlund reviewed some projects that the Parks Board would like to have done which included:

1. Resurfacing the tennis courts and net replacement over at Jefferson Park.
2. Replace the horseshoe pits at the Rec Complex.
3. Have an extension to the trail system along the drainage ditch that would go out to the river. This would require cooperation with Sioux City
4. Installing awning over the entrance to the Community Center.
5. Painting the gym.
6. Reinforcing the doors at the B Street ballfields.
7. Park development on the west side of Sergeant Bluff and the idea of requiring pocket parks in new developments.

There was additional discussion about the possibility of having push-button lights on a pickleball court and adding lights to the courts at Jefferson Park.

Jason Kvidera discussed our inability to bond for additional money until November of 2024. Tyler Tweet added that the new Water Park in Sioux City that is set to open in 2025 will greatly impact our ability to staff the pool.

The City Council concluded their official business and the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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Danny Christoffers, Acting Secretary Tyler Tweet, Chair