

SERGEANT BLUFF, IOWA
Parks & Rec Board Special Meeting Minutes

Electronic Meeting
August 19, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

ATTENDING WERE:

Present: Jon Anderson, Steve Lonneman, Kirk Moriarty, Angie Keegan, Lisa Ryan

Absent: None.

Others attending: Brent Brown, Parks & Recreation Director
Ben Parks, Parks & Recreation Coordinator
Carol Clark, City Council Member
Andrea Johnson, City Council Member

In March 23, 2020, Mayor Winkel, as the presiding officer of the Council's meetings, and in light of the proclamation of emergency made by his office determined that all regular Parks Board meetings going forward should be conducted by electronic means. The determination was due to the fact that an in person meeting was impossible or impractical due to the ongoing public health threat of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19"). Electronic meetings preserve the City's safe operation and will be continued as a public health measure to avoid gatherings of diverse groups that could risk the health of as those who need to participate or may have interest to participate. For good cause, Parks Board meetings in-person were deferred until further notice and arrangements were made to complete the Parks Board meeting electronically via teleconference call on **August 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** An opportunity was provided to residents to call into the meeting or connect digitally through the Gotomeeting.com website. Directions for connecting to the electronic meeting were provided to the public through the Agenda which was posted pursuant to our usual procedures and further communicated by Facebook and the City website www.cityofsergeantbluff.com.

Additionally, it is noted that electronic meeting was authorized as a result of Gov. Reynolds State Public Emergency Declaration issue on March 20, 2020 which stated in Section Nine:

"Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6), and at the request of the Iowa League of Cities on behalf of numerous local governmental bodies, I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12, or any other statute imposing a requirement to hold a public meeting or hearing, to the extent that the statutes could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from holding the meeting by electronic means, provided that the governmental body properly notices the meeting or hearing and includes a telephone conference number or website address that permits the public to participate in the meeting or hearing. I also temporarily suspend those statutes to the extent they could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present at an in-person location of the meeting, provided that the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically as provided in this section."

OPEN DISCUSSION

Brent said that open gym will begin with some restrictions, equipment will be checked in/out. More about these procedures will be discussed with the COVID-19 task force. Brent said he'd liked to see the IBF facility opened up due to dwindling membership.

Brent provided an update regarding the court flooring. The tiles will be returned and more floor samples will be taken.

Kirk Moriarty asked about the mud puddle at Kiwanis Park.

Brent said that until it starts raining or snowing it will remain a mud puddle.

Lisa Ryan said that we're 10 inches under the amount of rain that we normally get.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Moriarty, seconded by Lonneman to approve the agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Lonneman, seconded by Moriarty to approve the minutes of the June 19th meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

PARKS

The Splash Pad will close on September 8th. There is an opening for a part-time mower.

PIONEER VALLEY DAYS

The drive-in movie will be Friday night. There might be some open pickleball. There are about 20-25 runners. There are multiple bike rides occurring on the same day so attendance for ours may be low. Fourteen kids have signed up for the all-star game. The two-on-two volleyball is not getting the participation that is needed. The disc golf tournament will be on Sunday.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Parties are being booked for a maximum of 60 people. Five weddings that were scheduled requested a refund.

OUTDOOR POOL

The pool will close August 23rd. The pool inspector requested some changes for the pool heater. Once those changes are met we can use the pool heater in the Spring.

IBF

Brent mentioned during open discussion that he would like to find a way to open that facility. Kirk Moriarty asked to be informed when that happens because he is aware of some travel-ball teams that could use it.

RECREATION

About 8 people have pulled out of soccer. The fields are marked out to provide more space. The teams are made but they're in search of more coaches.

ADJOURN

Angie Keegan said that she will be resigning from the Parks & Recreation board. She expressed her appreciation to the council members, the board, and the parks staff.

A motion as made by Moriarty, Anderson by Ryan to adjourn at 6:10

All ayes, motion carried.

Danny Christoffers, Secretary

Angie Keegan, Chair