

**SERGEANT BLUFF, IOWA**  
**Parks & Rec Board Special Meeting Minutes**

Electronic Meeting  
October 21, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

**ATTENDING WERE:**

**Present:** Lisa Ryan, Kirk Moriarty, Neil Stockfleth, Cyndi Nelson, Steve Lonneman

**Absent:** Jon Anderson

Others attending: Brent Brown, Parks & Recreation Director  
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 **October 21, 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](http://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 Brown said that there will be a new men's program called "Fat Guy Yoga". It will be a free two-week class on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Lonneman, seconded by Stockfleth to approve the agenda.  
All ayes, motion carried.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Lonneman to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting.  
All ayes, motion carried.

#### REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

Brent Brown said that we remain behind in expenditures and revenues. We are getting more rentals.

#### NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Cyndi Nelson & Neil Stockfleth introduced themselves as newly appointed members to the board.

#### PARKS

The trees for the Trees Please grant have been planted. Brent Brown is working on the grant application for next year.

Kirk Moriarty asked if there would be a way to get the Kiwanis Park pond filled with water.

Carol Clark explained that the amount of water in the pond has been influenced by the low rainfall we had.

Neil Stockfleth suggested dredging the pond to make it deeper.

Danny Christoffers will see if it's possible to put it on the City Council agenda for discussion.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER

Brent Brown has been working with staff and Andrea Johnson and Carol Clark to potentially change the job description of the Parks & Recreation Coordinator position. There was discussion with the board about the position and job description.

The Community Center is open for basketball practices with limitations.

#### OUTDOOR POOL

Brent Brown explained that the leak detection company arrived and did a variety of tests. They are still searching for the leak.

#### FALL SOCCER

Fall Soccer ended on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Some kids were quarantined but he was not informed of any kids who tested positive for COVID-19. There was an injury during the last week.

#### BASKETBALL MINI-CAMP

Thirty people have signed up for camp. October 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Brent Brown is anticipating about 70 sign-ups.

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Brent Brown said that this will run from 6 to 7:30 on October 31<sup>st</sup> and be one-way traffic. We are asking people to stay in family groups while they walk. Many businesses and organizations have signed up to help or man a table. Cyndi Nelson said that Hawks Coffee Shop will also participate at a table. The details for advertising the event and controlling attendance were discussed.

ADJOURN

A motion as made by Stockfleth, seconded by Lonneman to adjourn at 6:34 pm.  
All ayes, motion carried.

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Danny Christoffers, Secretary

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Kirk Moriarty, Vice-Chair