

**SERGEANT BLUFF, IOWA**  
**Parks & Rec Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
Electronic Meeting  
May 20, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Keegan at 5:30 PM

**ATTENDING WERE:**

Present: Angie Keegan, Kirk Moriarty, Aaron Sieperda, Lisa Ryan (alternate), Jon Anderson, Steve Lonneman

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

On 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 and the Governor's prohibition of community gatherings of more than 10 people, determined that all 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 public health threat of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") as those who need to participate or may have interest to participate would result in a gathering of more than 10 people. For good cause, meetings in person were deferred until further notice and arrangements were made to complete the Parks Board meeting electronically via teleconference call on May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Sioux City pools will not have open swim. He also received a call from Channel 4, they wanted to give information on other area pools. He informed them that the Sgt Bluff Council meeting that our pool was closed but declined to do an interview. Some towns are trying to find a way to be open.

Angie Keegan said that Sioux Falls was closing their pools for the summer as well.

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moriarty, seconded by Lonneman to approve the minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> meetings.  
All ayes, motion carried.

### REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT

Brent will send out newer version of Rev & Exp Report.

### PARKS

Brent Brown is continuing to work on a plan to open our parks. He said that the Governor is doing some form of opening of State parks.

Andrea Johnson said that she did not open playgrounds.

Brent Brown said that we need to be a bit slower than other locations in opening our facilities, we're a few weeks behind some other places.

The group discussed what the opening of the parks might look like.

### KIWANIS PARK

Brent said that there have been some fish pulled out of the pond. He is looking to find some fish-stock to put in the pond.

Steve Lonneman said that the fish might not survive if it's not deep enough. But it's good if we can make it happen.

Angie Keegan asked about the disc golf course.

Brent said that the baskets are ready to go, disc golf could be ready pretty quickly depending on what happens with COVID-19 steps.

### PIONEER VALLEY DAYS

The Community Action Team meeting was held, they are putting that in the hands of the City Council. They will proceed unless they hear otherwise. The golf tournament is still planned. The parade, 3v3 basketball, kids fun-day activities would probably not be held.

#### SERGEANT BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER

Brent Brown said that the Curtain divider is installed, both the remodel and teen room should be completed.

Kirk Moriarty asked about using our facilities for Wedding receptions.

Andrea Johnson said that will be talked tomorrow at 9am during the task force call.

#### SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

Brent looking to adjust starting time to Jul 1, or do 4-6 weekly camps.

#### POOL

Council voted to close for summer 2020.

#### INDOOR BATTING FACILITY

Brent Brown is trying to keep this on the front burner for the task force to open it at some point. He thinks the Weight room at the school and the IBF should open in conjunction.

Angie Keegan asked if would be possible to allow people to schedule to use the IBF to avoid having too many people in the facility.

Brent thought that would probably happen.

There was discussion about the possible procedures for the IBF facility.

Brent Brown is scheduling the installation of the back door panic bar.

#### RECREATION

Brent Brown said that Little League & Softball programs are wanting to find out they're allowed to do.

There was a lengthy discussion with Matt Krohn, Little League President, about what a season might look like if it were permitted.

A motion as made by Anderson, seconded by Sieperda to adjourn at 6:47 pm

All ayes, motion carried.

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Danny Christoffers, Secretary

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Angie Keegan, Chair