



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:39 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attending Board Members: Chris Sooter Mike Power Whitney Sutherland Dan Grover
Cortney Carlson Craig Gilbert Stephen George Eileen Patrick
Justin Hundley Michelle Malashock

Attending Staff Members: Josh Stacey Crant Osborne Wade Tomlinson Tracy Acosta

Other: Danielle Semsrott

Old Business

Approval of August 3, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Justin Hundley
Seconded the Motion: Scott Sooter
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

New Business

Public Art Approval – Lake Bentonville

Danielle Semsrott with the Bentonville Public Art Advisory Committee attended the meeting today to present a Public Art Proposal. The artist Jonathan Perrodin of Springdale, AR proposed six individual sculptures of stacked geometric forms in varying heights ranging from 3 ft. to 8 ft. tall. Each piece measuring approximately 6 inches in diameter. The steel sculptures will be allowed to naturally rust during the natural process of oxidation. The artist wanted to remember the landscape that was almost forgotten. In Jonathan's proposal he noted the Osage Prairie was once as wide as Centerton to Rogers, but today can only be found in small areas, some private property and nearly forgotten pockets of the prairie. The sculpture would be a tribute to the past and a celebration of the coming life. The board members voted and approved the art piece being placed at the newly renovated Lake Bentonville.

Motion to Approve by: Mike Power
Seconded the Motion: Steven George
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Fall Sports Presentation

Josh Stacey presented a slideshow of the recreation fall season as we enter Phase Two of the COVID-19 Pandemic opening process.

Bentonville Community Center

The Community Center basketball courts will open with limited usage. We are not opening the outdoor courts as we are not able to control the crowds at this time. The Community Center will allow rentals of the community rooms on Saturday only. We have not restarted automatically charging customers for their membership fees at this time. Our customers are not being charged a monthly rate, unless they have personally advised our staff to begin this charge again. Only customers who have permitted these payments to begin again, are allowed in the facility. The walking track and Pre-K Play will resume as well, with some limitations.

Square 2 Square Bike Ride

The bike ride currently has 850 registered. Participants will be able to take advantage of this program from September 19th through November 1st.

Soccer (Youth)

The soccer program begins tonight, September 14th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our concerns of keeping all participants and families safe, this year is different than any other season. The numbers of participants is lower due to our own safety requirements and limitations. We currently have 1,200 players registered. The teams were formed based on schools and have an alternative schedule format this season.

Softball and Baseball

As with other programs, due to COVID-19, we are limiting teams and schedules for both softball and baseball this season. We are hosting a recreation tournament series this season which has allowed 300 players to participate.

Old Tiger Presentation

Wade Tomlinson reviewed our Old Tiger capital project. The renovations will include lighting around the track however, the track will not be lined for lanes. (Several board members asked for us to reconsider lining the track. They shared it would be a huge miss if the track is not lined.) Included in the amenities will be a 12 ft. by 12 ft. metal pavilion, restroom facility, maintenance room, water fountains, as well as landscaping including 15 trees. It was also suggested to add signs so the community would know the plans of the

project and a time line. Also mentioned was the lack of a sidewalk on the north side of the property. Wade will find out why there is not a sidewalk and report back to members.

Other Business

- 8th Street Park website will go live September 22nd.
- Craig Gilbert inquired about the plans of the Lighting of the Square this year.
- Justin Hundley wanted to know the plans for the square due to the statue being moved. Crant was unsure of the plans, but shared we are handling the landscaping.

APPROVED