

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:01 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Beth Arneberg, Justin Agnew, and Rob Kiefer. Absent: Carmen Muenich, and John Abbe.
Staff present: Dick Hebert and Angela George.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2020: **Motion by Kiefer/Berg to approve minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. Dick reviews special event applications. There are four renewals; one being for movies at Riverfront. This event is changing in that they hope to hold it once per month. Additionally, there is a family reunion that wishes to have an inflatable, which makes it a special event. **Motion by Kiefer/Arneberg to approve special event applications as presented with the family obtaining insurance for the inflatable. Motion passed.**
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. New Disc Golf/Snow Shoe Facility in and next to Casper Park. Dick discussed progress.
 - b. Improvements and Master Plan for Flag Hill. Dick reports that the subcommittee has met and come up with a plan. Ayres will be finalizing and putting together costs for a presentation in March.
 - c. Improvements to Welcome Center. Dick discussed the project with UWEC Public History students. The students will be putting together ideas based on the case statement from the Welcome Center Capital Campaign. They are welcoming public input to come up with themes. The Dept has posted information on its Facebook page. They will be presenting on 4/14/2020. The concessions RFP was also discussed. Dick will review with the City Attorney.
 - d. Riverfront Park Improvements, Rules, Policies & Fees. Dick reports that the skating rink has been very popular.
 - e. Erickson Park Improvements, Rules, Policies and Fees. Dick reports that Ron Bakken will be giving an update soon. He also reports that an extension until the end of the year was received on the grant.
 - f. Revision to Marshall Park LWCF Grant. Dick reviews the grant situation at Marshall Park. The grant project is over 35 years old. **Motion by Kiefer/Berg to support the total release of LWCF requirements on #55-01447c grant project located at Marshall Park. If that is not possible, then to trim down the LWCF requirements to the scope of the grant area. Motion passed.**

- g. Improvements and Repairs to Irvine Park Bandshell. Epoxy work needs to be completed.
 - h. Park Signage. No report.
 - i. Recreation Report. Angela presents pool report. She suggests changes may be warranted for the pool manager position. Staffing continues to be an issue. Board suggests making public more aware of the Super Pass. She's also working on updating the program guide.
 - j. Director Report. Dick reviews his goals and the stages of various projects. He indicates Nordson/EDI should be able to help install the playground equipment on June 18-19.
6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Berg/Arneberg to approve claims of \$23,741.33. Motion passed.**
7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Discussion regarding the Riverfront Park bathroom and its being locked at night. Also discussed GPS coordinates on trail markers.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Kiefer/Berg to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary