

Park Board Meeting: May 9, 2017

1. Call to order: Beth Arneberg at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Members present: Dale Berg, Beth Arneberg, Nate Seckora, Rob Kiefer, Carmen Muenich, Heidi Hoekstra. Absent: Audrey Stowell.

Staff Present: Dick Hebert, Josh Kriesel.
2. Approval of April 11, 2017 Minutes: **Motion by Heidi/Carmen to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.**
3. Personal appearances by citizens: none
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event applications:
 - a. Great Steps for NF Walk - May 20th
 - b. Party in the Park - June 24th. Beth brought up parking issues. Perhaps sending parking this year to Marshall. Volunteers to manage parking. Perhaps move to Riverfront next year. Irvine too busy even without special events.
 - c. Family Fun Day - June 25th
 - d. Tinkergarten in the Park - National Program uses city parks to promote nature. Rain or Shine. Willing to pay but do not need a shelter. They do have insurance. Dick has asked to work with them on finding a rental fee that is fair.**Motion by Beth/Heidi to approve special events pending exceptions discussed. Motion Carried.**
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Martial Arts Class: Dick explained that we ran class in 2011 and 2012. Was a very popular class for Parks and Rec. For Parks and Rec to do this again it would be recreation only like it had been in the past. Not competitive or for belt testing. James Ledebuhr spoke about the success in Karate and the possible implementation of a martial arts program through our parks and recreation. He has had success with the program bringing in families to introduce them to martial arts in past and wants to do that again. Wants to keep it cheap for families and give back to the system that has given him so much.
Motion by Dale/Heidi to approve Martial Arts as a beginner class through our recreation. Motion Carried.
 - b. Marshall Park Master Plan: Tim Marko could not attend tonight. Dick showed email explaining more on the flood plain study. Proposed fee to complete the floodplain study for Marshall Park would be \$7,990 to \$9,500. Discussed that in order to improve Marshall Park we need to know where we can build buildings and what we can and can't do with pool, skate park and bathroom facilities. Dick is planning to talk to Tim about 2011 plan and building instructions on these issues.
 - c. Ayres Contract for Erickson Park Improvement Project: Did not include a

Wetland Delineation Report because they didn't know if it was required but it is required. This will determine where the bridge needs to go.

Motion by Carmen/Rob to go ahead with the wetland delineation report \$2,000. Motion Carried.

- d. Park Rules for Chippewa Riverfront: Beth talked about tentative park rules. Park open from 11pm and 4am except if moving through or fishing. Rollerblade and biking allowed on pathways only. Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after. No fires allowed in park unless for an approved special event. Allen Park rules will change to follow the new Riverfront rules. Dick brought up setting up a separate special event application for Riverfront Park. Smoking allowed but unsure on amphitheater events. Signage for rules and regulations discussed. Delegating amphitheater regulations to Riverfront Park Delegating Committee. Nate brought up rules may need to change as park gets used to accommodate how people use it. May need to recommend some of these rules/regulations become an ordinance for police to be able to enforce. Heidi suggested we should look specifically at other riverfront type parks in the area to determine rules. We would like to have Bill put together a hard copy of any "Park" related ordinances. Things board would like to look into include but are not limited to: food truck regulations, pets, hours of operation, weapons, fire, fireworks, alcohol, destruction of property. Rules subcommittee will meet again next week to start the process of ordinances vs. rules.
6. Director's Report: Chamber looking to throw an "Opening of Riverfront Park" party in July or August of 2018. Saturday is a very busy day for Casper Park. All facilities are being used. Dick will be absent for June Park Board Meeting.
7. Approve Claims: Claims reviewed. **Motion by Carmen/Rob to approve claims of \$43,909.85. Motion Carried.**
8. Park board members' concerns or comments: 1. Park board brought up what we plan to do with our wood from removal of trees. 2. Silent Auction at Snout House fundraiser coming up. 3. Baby lemurs at the park as well as a baby buffalo.
9. Adjournment: **Motion by Carmen/Nate to adjourn at 7:24pm. Motion Carried.**