

PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

*June 18, 2019 5:30 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers  
221 East Clark Street*

**Members Present:**

Jennifer-Vogt Erickson  
Jodi Hartman  
Steve Ball, Vice Chair  
Anne Sternhagen  
Jason Howland (Ex-officio)

**Members Absent:**

Belinda Krysan  
Rich Yost  
Mark Calderon

**Staff in Attendance:**

Joe Grossman, Superintendent of Parks  
Bob Furland, Recreation Manager  
Jennifer Davis, Recreation Program Supervisor

**Others in Attendance:**

Gary Hagen

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice Chairman Steve Ball.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Anne Sternhagen made a motion to approve the agenda for this evenings meeting and Jodi Hartman seconded the motion.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Anne Sternhagen made a motion to approve the minutes for this evenings meeting and Jodi Hartman seconded the motion.

**Public Items:** Gary Hagen inquired about the cost of the temporary wall at the Aquatic Center. Bob Furland stated that it cost \$50,000 and an analysis would be done to see what kind of shape the building is in. Jason Howland noted that the cost was approved by City Council.

On the topic of a Community Center, Gary Hagen said he would support a facility at the Blazing Star Landing site. He addressed concerns over updating and upkeep of ball fields at Snyder Field and questioned why the City would put money into that site when the City owns the Blazing Star site. Jason Howland mentioned the land to the south of Snyder Fields may be a good site for future ball fields. However this land is not owned by the City.

**Action/Discussion Items:** Joe Grossman indicated that Hayek Ball Field is in need of four pitching mounds. He stated that from a safety stand point it is necessary. The pitching mounds would not be enclosed and farther away. Grossman will put together a cost estimate for the budget.

**Old Business:** None

## **Update Items/Staff Communication;**

### **Recreation:**

Jenny Davis gave an update on Play Parks and Rec on the Go. She stated things are going well with both programs. Sondergaard seems to be lower in numbers this year. Rec on the Go also has a couple sites with lower attendance, but as it is the first year, this will help to decide where additional sites are or not, in the future. Otherwise, she stated that she has had good feedback on the program via word of mouth and social media.

Davis also mentioned that last Friday, the Candlelight Night Walk was a success. And this coming Friday is the first H2Whoa, slip-n-slide activity.

Bob Furland advised the board that Jenny Nelson has resigned from her position and has taken a position with the City of Owatonna. Nelson's position has been advertised and that 49 applicants have been received.

**Parks:** Report given by Joe Grossman as follows;

- Working on Valley Park basketball court
- Work on the City beach shelter is completed
- Continue maintenance on flowers, trimming and spraying
- Continued playground equipment repair

Grossman stated that they were going with a third contractor, Johnson Tree Services, for stump removal.

Grossman also advised that Parks had met with a League of MN Cities representative to discuss ADA transition for playgrounds, parking spaces and park facilities, to ensure that over a period of time all these amenities are ADA compliant.

**City Arena:** Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- Two weeks of ice left at the Arena
- During the last week of August, ice will go back in
- Mavericks Hockey Camp scheduled next week
- Checking on cost for new front doors
- Undertaking painting and cleaning projects
- A High School coach has started a new Tiger Hockey Club and they have been renting ice a couple times a week

Jason Howland inquired if Chapel Con was returning and Furland stated that they were not returning for a third year as they had lost too much money previously.

**Senior Center:** Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- June 11<sup>th</sup> the Sr. Center had visited Mystic Lake Casino
- Red Wing Tour June 25<sup>th</sup> to see the shoe company and pottery museum
- Will be surveying members on what they would like to see for programming, trips and activities

Anne Sternhagen questioned if the Sr. Center was moving. Howland stated that there is potential for moving the Sr. Center to City Hall.

### **Board Member Items:**

Jennifer Vogt-Erickson brought a sample of plastic and waste that she had brought from Edgewater Park lakeshore area. She stated that she hopes our Parks Department does not use plastic chips in landscaping or playground surface area.

Howland stated that the theater had approved the Dan Borland memorial plaque and wondered if it had been installed in a bench yet. Grossman said that he will look into whether it has been placed or not.

**Adjournment:** Jennifer Vogt-Erickson made a motion to adjourn the Park Board meeting at 6:10pm, and Anne Sternhagen seconded the motion. Adjournment was approved on a 5-0 voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Davis  
Recreation Program Supervisor

Approved:

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Mark Calderon  
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman