

**PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 15, 2021 Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jennifer Ginter-Lyght at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jason Artz, Jennifer Ginter-Lyght, Erin Ihm, Cindy Tang, Suraya Strobl, Don Francis, ~~Brian Whisenant~~

Others in Attendance: Nancy Fairchild, Luke Peters and Adam Ruechel

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a request to add “at this time” to the last line of Old Business item Pool Concession Stand. With that change, a motion was made by Suraya Strobl to approve the amended minutes from December 21, 2020, seconded by Don Francis. Motion carried.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

- a. Broske Center Update

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **"Never Forget Garden" City Park** – Nancy Fairchild presented an idea to construct a “Never Forget Garden” in City Park. These gardens are part of a national effort to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the internment of the unknown soldier in Arlington Cemetery. The Committee was generally favorable but had concerns about losing additional greenspace. The Committee asked for Nancy to share the idea with the veterans' groups and Main Street Committee. With their feedback, staff would work on a proposed location and bring it back to the Committee for further discussion.
- b. **Community Center Brainstorming** – Luke Peters shared a potential pathway to a Community Center. Starting this summer, the Recreation Department is considering having “Playground Leaders” staffed in our parks to facilitate outdoor play, including activities, games, and crafts. If this is successful, we could then work to fund a room rental at OE Grey School. At that point, the City would have a Youth Center and Senior Center under one roof. This would be a decent start towards a Community Center. The Committee was excited to start with the “Playground Leaders”.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

Motion to adjourn by Jason Artz, seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes by Luke Peters