

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 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, Jeremy Johnson, Chuck Schnering, Justin Donahoe, Katie Weigel, Tammy Enz, and Luke Peters

CITIZEN COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Erin Ihm to approve the amended minutes from February 15, 2021, seconded by Don Francis. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATE:

- a. Broske Center Update
- b. Summer Programming Registration

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **"Never Forget Garden" City Park** – Nancy Fairchild returned to provide an update on the "Never Forget Garden" in City Park. Nancy met with the VFW and Main Street Committee. Both organizations were in favor of adding a garden at the southeast corner of the park. The VFW suggested adding a plaque to the back of the central monument. They would also be in favor replacing the existing rock with wood mulch and adding new plantings to this area. To facilitate discussion, staff were able to highlight the area on GIS (Geographic Information Systems). A motion was made by Brian Whisenant, seconded by Cindy Tang to permit the installation of the "Never Forget Garden" with the location of the plaque to be chosen later. Motion carried.
- b. **Community Center** Luke Peters informed the Committee that two staff members have been hired for the RECESS program. The program will include activities, crafts, and games immediately following summer school from 3pm to 5pm in Smith Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Platteville Partner Program COVID Guidelines** – Representatives from Platteville Youth Diamond Sports and Platteville Power Soccer were invited to the meeting to discuss the COVID-19 expectations for returning to play. A copy of the current regulations was discussed. Jeremy Johnson from Platteville Youth Diamond Sports made a request to change the regulations to allow for the used to the dugouts for games only and concession stand. He explained that the concession stand is a major source of funding for the program and having it closed for a second year would be detrimental to their ability to operate. Jennifer Ginter-Lyght made a motion, seconded by Brian Whisenant, to permit the reopening of the dugouts and concession stand. An amendment to the motion was made by Suraya Strobl, seconded by Brian Whisenant to add that the concession stands must follow the WIAA guidelines for safely opening concession stands and the changes are contingent on review by the City's COVID team. Jennifer had no objection to this amendment and both motions carried.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Brian Whisenant, seconded by Jennifer Ginter-Lyght. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Minutes by Luke Peters