

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date 12-19-22_

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jason Artz at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Public Service Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Artz__X__, Don Francis_____, Erin Ihm__X_____, Suraya Strobl__X_____, Cindy Tang __X____, Victoria Hundhausen__X____, Brian Whisenant__X____

Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe__X__

Members of the Public:

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Cindy Tang to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting, seconded by Suraya Strobl, Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATE Given on:

- a. Platteville Family Aquatic Center
-Water usage report

A water usage report was presented to the committee. The report was prepared by staff and included the total water used annually of about 3 million gallons. Research shows that the normal usage and evaporation rate, on a pool of that size should be about 1 million gallons. So, there is likely 2 million gallons of loss.

- Engineer ideas

A letter was received and shared with the committee from Jeo Consulting Group about the conditions of the pool and possible leaking problems. Although there is no direct course of action to be taken listed in the letter, Director Lowe has asked that firm and Barbuch Engineering to present a plan and quote of costs to investigate and fix the water losses.

- b. Legion Rookie Field Ice Rink

Discussion was held regarding the new ice rink set up in Legion field. Water has been partially filled to test the rink. After some issues with the ground, which were corrected the rink was filled with about 4 inches to test it out. Weather pending the rest will be filled for use.

- c. New Community Park field work

Director Lowe reported that the farmer leasing the adjacent ground has quoted us a price of \$1000 to work and reseed the soccer fields. The fields are new and settled to a point of not usable. They will likely be needed for use next summer as the High School fields will be under construction.

- d. Inclusive Playground

Work continues despite some cold weather in the stone pavilion/bathrooms. Also, Parks staff installed trail cameras to monitor. One issue that has been brought to attention is that the exercise equipment was set up in the wrong direction.

- e. Westview Park Eagle Scout project

Progress by Kaleb was noted in his fundraising for the eagle scout project. He has now raised \$900 toward his goal of \$3000.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Director Lowe presented an issue with overnight parking in some of the parks' parking lot. Specifically, an issue at the Broske Center. It became a real problem with all the recent snow and the fact the staff needs to get in early and plowing. The committee discussed the options and made a motion by Cindy Tang to recommend that the Council consider changing Section 41.04 paragraph 3(B) to add specific language that prohibits all personal property from remaining in the park from 2:00 am. – 6:00 a.m. Erin Ihm seconded the motion and motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Community Room.

Motion to adjourn by Suraya Stobl seconded by Erin Ihm. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm
Minutes by Robert Lowe