

## PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date 5-15-23\_

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\_\_X\_\_, Erin Ihm\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_, Suraya Strobl\_\_X\_\_\_\_, Cindy Tang\_\_X\_\_\_\_, Victoria Hundhausen\_\_\_\_\_, Brian Whisenant\_\_x\_\_\_\_  
Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe\_\_X\_\_ Clint Langreck X

Members of the Public:

Paul Malischke

### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Malischke wanted to follow up and see if there were any updates on his wife's request for some type of non-slip surface for the zero entry at the pool. Director Lowe stated that there were discussions with Burbach engineers regarding the surface. Burbach has stated that because the pool has not been properly resurfaced in the last few decades the current surface may be slippery than desired because of continues use. A bid for sandblasting and resurfacing the pool will be coming in the fall of this year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Suraya Strobl to approve the minutes from the April 2023 meeting, seconded by Erin Ihm, Motion carried.

### STAFF UPDATES were given on:

- a. PFAC Pool Operating Repairs-Director Lowe reported that City Council had approved the budget amendment for the operating repairs needed to open the pool. These repairs were also needed to continue the water integrity test. It was reported that the repairs would begin right away with the hope of filling the pool before the end of May to test those repairs.
- b. Senior Center relocation progress-Lowe reported that Building Specialist Butson continues to make the improvements needed to the old police department area of the City Hall for the new Senior Center.
  - i. Parking space update-It was reported that a parking ordinance will designate approximately 12 spaces for senior parking. Those spaces will be along Mineral Street and 2 additional spaces in the parking lot just east of City Hall.
- c. Broske-Lowe reports that the reservations continue at a very high rate.
  - i. Financials review-Lowe reported that the previous increase in leasing rates made last year by the Committee have had a positive result. The revenue has increased to a point that will allow staff look to replace aging chairs and tables, and potentially reach the original goal of having the Broske be self-sustaining. Lowe also hopes to meet with Admin Director Maurer to identify line-item expenses to get a complete picture of the Center self-sustainability.
- d. Activities-Participation numbers have exceeded pre Covid rates.
  - i. Utilizing activities in summer-Director Lowe requested ideas from the Committee for any activities they would like to see added for early spring. Open gym and 3 on 3 basketball were discussed as some ideas.

- e. Inclusive Playground Update - Lowe reported the playground was on track to be substantially completed in time for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> grand opening. Many activities are planned to include grilling with a lot of help from volunteers.

Discussion was held regarding sharp boxes possibly being installed in the restrooms of the stone shelter. Committee member Strobl agreed she would be the liaison to service of the boxes if need be.

II. New Business

- a. Dairy Days and Jaycees Lease of the Legion Park storage shed. - An update was given by Lowe. He has been having trouble getting a response from Dairy Days Inc and will be sending a letter to their registered agent. The lease expired 3 years ago, and Lowe cannot find any terms of a renewal.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, June 17, 2023 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Community Room.**

Motion to adjourn by Brian Whisenant seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm  
Minutes by Robert Lowe