

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date September 18, 2023_

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Artz_____, Ari Ihm__X_____, Suraya Strobl__X_____, Cindy Tang __X_____, Victoria Hundhausen_____, Debi Sigwarth__X_____, Lucas Dresden_____

Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe__X____ Clint Langreck ____

Members of the Public:

NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Discussion was held by committee members regarding potential new signs for Harrison Park. Harrison Park does not allow dogs pursuant to Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ari Ihm to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting, seconded by Suraya Strobl Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES were given on:

a. Inclusive Playground

Staff reported that the epoxy flooring was completed in the bathrooms at the Stone Shelter in Smith Park. The contractors did a great job and this improvement will add years to the life of the floor as well as improve the overall cosmetic value of the bathrooms.

Discussion was held regarding the intent to put the remote locking system on the doors at the Stone shelter. The quote came in to do that at a price of \$3435.

A motion was made by Suray Strobl to "recommend Staff spend the \$3435 from the Outlay Account to install the remote locking system for the bathrooms at the Stone Shelter in Smith Park" Debi Sigwarth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff also announce the Cummins volunteers will be doing a clean up and at the playground. Parks staff will provide tools for the volunteers to inspect and tighten any bolts and nuts that appear to have gotten loose as well.

b. Jenor Park

Staff reported that with Streets staff's help they have trimmed and remove dead trees. Staff also reported that they have had electric contractors out to look at the lighting for the park. Shannon Butson will be looking at them as well to see if they can be temporarily fixed to provide some additional lighting.

c. Activities

Staff reports fall activities are going well. Special activity Skills in the Skate Park also did well and volunteers raised \$861 for future improvements. The circus that was held at Legion field also did well and they paid \$486 dollars as a % of the gate.

II. New Business

a. Dog Park Improvements

Director Lowe reported that it has come to his attention that there is a policy that the funds for doggie dip day at the pool go to improvements at the dog park. Lowe had finance department create a line-item account so those funds can be recorded there. Lowe also discussed the desire by staff to make improvements with those funds. The committee members suggested that a fund drive be started to raise money to see if we can make many of the improvements over the coming year.

b. PYDS batting cage area

Director Lowe reported that PYDS would like to modify the current batting cages at Legion by removing the pay machines with more traditional style batting cages no machines. They would also like to add a storage shed of 8 x 50 to the west end of the pad.

III. Old Business

- a.** Event of Dairy Days recap. The Dairy Days event went very well according to patrons who attended and the Parks staff that did the tear down and clean up. No major issues were reported.

NEXT MEETING – Monday October 16, 2023 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Community Room.

Motion to adjourn by Suraya Strobl and seconded by Ari Ihm. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes by Robert Lowe