

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date December 18, 2023_

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jason Artz at 7:03 p.m. in the Police Station Public Service Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Artz__X___, Ari Ihm__X___, Suraya Strobl__X___, Cindy Tang __X___, Victoria Hundhausen __X___, Debi Sigwarth __X___, Lucas Dresden _____
Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe__X___ Clint Langreck ____

Members of the Public:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Discussion was held on potentially adding a new dog park. Possible locations discussed included Highland Park, Sherman Park, and the new fire station (currently OE Gray building).

A brief discussion on the Broske finances was also had. Director Lowe reported approximate numbers of expense were over budget of about \$27,000, including \$8000 spent on HVAC and \$3500 on divider wall repair. The income exceeded expectation should be around \$29000. A more complete breakdown and year-end report will be provided at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Debi Sigwarth to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting, seconded by Cindy Tang. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES were given on:

a. Dog Park Improvement

Lowe reported the under the fence weed control system was partially installed to provide a test of quality and control. The system will be a much-needed improvement for weed control.

Discussion was held regarding the ordinance prohibiting dogs in certain City parks. It was reported by Lowe that the permit application does allow a request for pets in certain parks except those prohibited by ordinance. A request to change the ordinance would have to be made by the committee in order to allow pets in those parks. No action was taken.

b. PFAC Water Integrity Report

An update was given on Burbach Engineers final report. Lowe stated that he has requested a quote from them on a core boring to be done to test the cement's estimated life span and an evaluation of the subsurface supporting the cement. More particularly in the area that shows a water loss leak.

Lowe also is getting quotes on an epoxy paint with grit for the zero-entry area. The goal is to reduce the slipperiness of the area in a more reasonable cost-effective way than sand blasting.

c. Skate Rink Plans

The skate rink is now located in the parking lot north of the pickleball courts. This location will provide more accessibility and a better foundation to set the liner on. Previous year's locations resulted in tears and water loss to the skate rink.

d. Tennis Court update

The material to fix the cracks in the tennis courts has been ordered by Delta3. They have agreed to cover the cost of the material and parks personnel will provide the labor. Lowe also reported that Graney Electric will make an improvement to the lighting at a cost not to exceed \$2500.

e. CIP projects approved for Parks 2024.

It was reported the following projects were reported to be approved in the City Managers budget. It was noted that some of the funding must come from outside the tax levy funds to move forward.

- i. Jenor- The retaining wall is to be replaced not to exceed \$10,000.
- ii. Mowers-New mowers are on an annual basis as one is replaced every third year. However, the \$25,000 approved is less than the cost of a new mower and the shortage of funds will need to come from other line items.
- iii. Playground equipment-\$12,500 was approved for improvements in playground equipment.
- iv. Water bubblers not funded- Director Lowe believes the aged drinking fountains need to be replaced with modern, handicapped accessible fountains. Funding source not yet determined.
- v. Silo Shelter for Legion- This is to replace the shelter that was forced to be taken down after a tree fell on it this year. However, funding sources still need to be identified.

f. Activities

Staff reported winter rec activities have recovered from last year's numbers. Now that the City is once again able to utilize the Armory it has allowed activities like intro to sports and dance to have more participants.

II. New Business -None

III. Old Business

- a. Parks Dog Ordinance. -This was covered in the Staff update section. See above.

NEXT MEETING – Monday January 15th, 2023 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall North Conference Room as well as a zoom link to be provided. .

Motion to adjourn by Debbi Sigwarth and seconded by Victoria Hundhausen. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Minutes by Robert Lowe