

MONTHLY MEETING  
November 13th, 2023

Present: Seim, Syrup, Irvine, Praska, Stromberg  
City Members: NA  
Absent: M. Hell  
Meet Called to Order by: Ashley Seim

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes and Financials: 1- J. Stromberg 2- D. Irvine

**Old Business**

**Park Signs**

Josh provided samples for park signs through Amazon for city parks - two size samples for city parks - 18 X 20 @ \$113.70, 24 X 30 @ \$163.40, sample for Loughhead Family Park signs - 18" x 36" @ \$258 - these prices include sign, hardware and posts. Because of the price difference, it was thought to have a bigger sign at Village Green Park only and the smaller size for other city park locations and campground. Per previous discussions it was also discussed to have a shadow box at Village Green and East Meadow Campground.

Village Green 24 x 30 with Shadow Box  
Other Parks 18 x 24  
East Meadow Campground 18 x 24 with Shadow Box  
Loughhead Family Park Signs

Motioned to Approve Park Sign Sizes 1. Y. Syrup 2. J. Stromberg

**Community Center Update**

Sub-committee has met with Foss Architects to narrow down the design options and discuss layout changes. Committee was provided 4 layouts ahead of this meeting to browse at and then decided on a most favorable option during the meeting. The building material was also discussed and the sub committee was given pro's and con's of a metal and precast building. A set of revised designs were presented to the group on 11/9. The group will meet again with Foss on 11/15 for further discussions. Once a final building layout and material are decided upon, Foss can provide a more precise cost estimate. At this point the group will be able to provide potential donors and stakeholders more accurate information - the process of collecting on current pledges and gathering new requests will begin once the group has proper information.

**Dog Park Update**

The park is at a stopping point for the fall/winter. Duane and Stefan were able to get posts in and some fencing up. The fencing will be finished in the spring. Additional fencing material may need to be purchased.

## **Outdoor Rink**

The rink boards are up and ready. The liner was delivered on 11/2 and will be laid out once the temperatures look to be remaining below freezing. Misty talked with DeeJay for assistance with filling the rink and will contact Dennis Kubat who has also helped in the past.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Splash Pad Equipment Building/ Update**

Misty is meeting with Dan Dumas from My Aquatic Systems on 11/14 for a final site visit upon the park board's discussion on putting the splash pad on the NE side of the baseball complex. There is a \$500 site visit fee for this 3rd visit. Misty will email Dan to confirm that there won't be a need for a further visit. Misty would like to further discuss the building which is needed to house the splash pad equipment this winter so that it is ready when the splash pad is being built. There has been discussion about needing a storage building for groundskeeping equipment out at the complex so said building would be built big enough to have served this need. Splash pad will also need a contractor to pour concrete. Ashley talked with Jeremy Samdahl who has a contracting business for both building and concrete work. Jeremy gave Ashley a rough estimate and said he could potentially help with this project. Further discussion will need to be had with Jeremy with precise estimates on this project.

### **Pool Repair Update**

The pool repairs were scheduled for the 3rd week of October but this was pushed back to the last week of October. Over that time it snowed. Misty tried to contact Jim from My Aquatic Systems numerous times but did not hear back from him until the afternoon of October 30th. At this time he said he would be coming the following day but asked if there was any snow in the pool as this would prevent him from fixing the issue at the bottom of the pool. Because of the snow and temperatures, Jim was not able to do any repairs. Misty requested that our project be scheduled for as soon as possible in the spring. Jim contacted Misty and gave her a date of May 1st, 2024. She is going to reach out early spring to confirm this and if the conditions are favorable request a sooner repair date.

The pool has been winterized by Jim Chyle at Heartland Gas.

### **Equipment/Parts Needs for Grounds**

Misty was given a list of equipment needs for groundskeeping which includes parts for the John Deere mower and other miscellaneous items. Duane contacted True North Equipment and was given a quote for the items for the mower. Misty is requesting a motion to approve purchasing items for the mower per the quote (approx. \$700) The other items on the list will be discussed at a further date. Misty will ask Duane and Stefan to provide specific information about the other requests including brands and prices.

Motion to Approve Purchasing Items for Mower: 1. Y. Syrup 2. D. Irvine

### **Alice Jorgenson Funds/Allocation**

Ashley called Tracy Laaveg about the funds left to parks and recreation under the direction of Joel Hylden. She said she is not in charge of this and referred him to Nick Hall in Grafton. Ashley called him and he said we would have to talk to Joel personally to discuss how funds are spent.

Ashley will have a conversation with Joel about these funds and how they have been utilized. Because parks and recreation has a limited budget with several expenses, there may be a need to access funds if possible.

### **Snow Dumping At Baseball Diamonds (Near Coliseum)**

Presently and in the past, snow has been moved and dumped out by the diamonds near the coliseum. This topic has been talked about with the park board in the past and agreed upon that the park board deemed snow dumping at the coliseum a non issue. Unless changes are brought to our attention about the location of snow dumping and it creating a problem for parks and recreation, snow dumping at the diamonds near the coliseum can continue as it has in the past.

Motion to Approve No Changes on Snow Dumping Location 1. D. Irvine 2. J. Stromberg

Motion to Approve Bills 1. J. Stromberg 2. Y. Syrup

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

NA