

**CITY OF EYOTA
PARK BOARD Minutes
May 10, 2017 7 PM**

Present:

Members: Jacob Robinson, Dom Kellen, Kim Horn, Jake Schleusner, **Council Reps:** Tyrel Clark, Kurt Holst **Summer Rec Director:** Ryan Scheevel **Secretary:** Kathie Hall

Absent: Kevin Kullot

Guests: Boy Scouts; Marcus and Nick & their mothers. Iris Clark-Neumann.

Call to Order: Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approve the Agenda: Motion was made by Kellen and seconded by Schleusner to approve the agenda with a change in agenda order, moving Bush's Woodland Park to item number two. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the Minutes: Motion was made by Schleusner and seconded by Kellen, to approve the minutes of the April 12th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Bush's Woodland Park:

Eagle Scout Projects: **Marcus' project:** He explained his project ideas, had a power point, and two small scale models of his proposed ropes course. He went on to explain his project detail ideas; post sizes, including materials, the place where he might purchase the materials; he stated labor help would be needed from the city. Safety / liability concerns and regulations are needed to be found out. Get the right materials to build something that lasts. Marcus stated what he needs from the city is approval of the design, in which Clark stated needs to go to public works to be approved; and the funds to cover the project, in which Robinson stated, Marcus needs to give us a budget total. The board also asked Marcus to get a material list along with pricing to bring back to the next meeting. Clark took photos of the models to show Eyota Public Works and Marcus was asked to email Hall the project dimensions and materials so she can forward to Public Works for review before the next Park Board meeting. **Nick Gunter's project.** He plans to build three benches and one or two picnic tables and possibly a shelter. The Board explained there are already two benches and it's a smaller park so it would be crowded. Robinson and Schleusner suggested building benches and picnic table for the west side of City Hall. They also suggested getting rid of the retaining wall against the west side of the building, the ash tree and maybe having that area being a public Wi-Fi area. Gunter said he liked the ideas and would work on revising his plan.

Park/Maintenance: Robinson stated we all received the Public Works Update Report and should have read the updates, if there are no questions or comments we will move on to the next item. There were no questions.

Summer Rec Update: Scheevel reported on hiring 20 total staff, 14 of which are re-hires from 2017. For pay increases, starting this year and going forward, there will only be \$1.00 per hour raise from last year's pay for the re-hired staff members, compared to \$2.50 in previous years.

Transportation is lined up for all WOW events and swim bus. June 7th will be safety training with Mark Hottel and first aid and CPR with Eyota ambulance. He will get t-shirts for staff and participants ordered this week. Hall reported there are currently 241 children registered for the summer rec and WOW activities.

Tree Board Advisory: Hall explained to Neumann the Park Board would like to enlist her help to come up with a tree plan for boulevard trees and another for maintenance and replacement of trees in the parks, specifically for Ash trees. Neumann explained there are not many Ash trees on boulevards and went on to say that she would not have advised treating the current trees due to the fact that eventually most will succumb to the ash borer and the larger the trees are the harder it will be to cut them down when it becomes necessary. She went on to explain she had previously mapped out all the trees in town and had received a grant for a three year tree plan. The board talked about each park and what the tree needs might be. There needs to be a plan to plant trees and there also needs to be a long term plan of taking them down. Holst mentioned his idea of a tree nursery, which was discussed briefly. The board asked Neumann if she would be willing to develop a plan for each park starting with Freedom Park and report back at a later date. She said she would do so. Clark stated she should keep track of her time working on this project so the City could compensate her time and effort.

Summer Movie Series: Decision was made which movie to show on what date and where. Movies the nights of June 2 - Moana, June 23 – The Sandlot , July 21 – Beauty and the Beast, and August 11 – Remember the Titans all at West Side Park and July 13 downtown for Eyota Days Movie night. Hall will go ahead and order the movies chosen.

Splash-Pad / Pool Group: Robinson and Schleusner reported on the second committee meeting. There were only two people in attendance, different people from the first meeting. Both people were very excited about being committee members and said they would work out a plan to try to recruit three friends each to join. The new members would like to see a presentation to understand how to start the process of getting a pool and what it takes to get things going. Then they will know what that next / first step might be. Holst said he knew someone who had been on a pool committee, and will bring their notes to the next meeting. Decision was made to call USA Aquatics to come for a presentation at the next Park Board meeting in June. If there are not enough committee members attending for a pool presentation, there won't be any more attempts to start this committee and the Park Board alone will investigate information for Eyota obtaining a Splash Pad.

Dog Park: Hall reported her findings on the cost of an 800 foot fence. She received a quote from Sutherland Fence, which consisted of a 5 foot high, 800 foot long fence with two gates, dog park strength, totaling \$9500. This price included labor which is \$12.06 per foot. Hall also needs to call Horsman Fence for an additional quote and will report back at the next meeting. After discussion the tentative location for the dog park will be just north of the skate park. Decisions will have to be made with re-locating a disc golf hole, if there will be water plumbed to the dog park, and the shape and design of the park. Clark said he will ask Public Works to get a quote from B & C plumbing for running a line for water to the dog park proposed area.

Other Business:

Ball Park Reservations: Hall said City Hall office staff is challenged by the current procedure of taking ball park reservations and would like the Park Board to discuss, and come up with a better and fairer way of doing so for season 2018. The board talked about a number of ideas. Decision was to come back to this discussion in the off season and have a procedure ready in time for ball park sign-ups in 2018.

West Side Ball Park Sign: Hall received information the Eyota Baseball Team would like to donate funds to replace the West Side Park sign on the back of the baseball scoreboard along with a sign design submission. Hall explained the current sign, which was \$1190, was just put up two years ago in 2015 after planning and approval by City Council on letter size, color, and font, which matches the font on the scoreboard on the reverse side of the sign. Park Board discussed if this donation could go to another ball park need? Decision is to go back to the baseball team to see what other ways or ideas they might want to use their donation for.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schleusner and seconded by Robinson to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary