

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2017**

**Present:** **Members:** Kevin Kullot, Jacob Robinson, Jake Schleusner, Dom Kellen  
**Council Reps:** Kurt Holst, Tyrel Clark **Secretary:** Kathie Hall

**Absent:** Jake Schleusner

**Guest:** Kim Horn

**Call to Order:** Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Approve the Agenda:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Robinson to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve the Minutes:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Kellen, to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Park / Maintenance:** Public Works are continuing to work to keep the ice on the skate rink and recently it's been too cold to add water to the rink. Robinson said he has heard from residents that the ice needs to be thicker / deeper. Hall said she would forward that message to public works.

**New Board Member Application – Kim Horn:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Kellen to accept Kim Horn's application for park board member and recommend to the council to appoint Kim as a Park Board Member term ending 12-31-2019. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**City tree nursery program for Boulevard Trees:** Holst asked that this topic be added to February's agenda as no new information has been obtained.

**Community Event Center / Sunset Square Park Long Term Plan:**

Walking Path / Snowmobile Path: Hall had printed large maps and also had a few blank large scale maps to view and draw ideas on. An extensive discussion ensued and many ideas were discussed in regards to paths, boardwalks, snowmobile trails, where to put a community center, and possibly moving the community gardens. Some of the main ideas discussed were for a pavilion and paths around the future Second Street wetlands.

GENERAL List of ideas: Bike Lanes leading to the downtown Eyota area, drinking water fountains, add a small playground, community gardens being all raised beds and relocated, boardwalks in the wetland area, add sidewalks / paths around the future building on West Second Street.

PAVILLION Ideas: The location could be in the area of the current community gardens, which could be moved. The public could rent the pavilion and would be added to the park fee schedule. It could double as covered skate rink in the winter, could have retractable walls and Eyota Days could use this for their Saturday Night Dance.

PATHS Ideas: One path, which would be paved, could extend from the existing path, north of Second Street, to go east and around and/or in front of the potential new structure “childcare center” then head north to enter Front Street by the Eyota Legion. This path could be for bikes and walkers and lead people to the downtown area. Another path could be created from engineers building a berm for the Second Street Wetlands. It could be a grassy path and be located just south and along the railroad tracks. This path could be for snowmobilers in the winter and a nice grassy path for walkers in the summer. There is a 50 foot rail road right of way, 25 feet on either side of the railroad tracks measured from the middle of the track. This point has been noted for planning the paths.

### **Splash Pad / Pool:**

- A) Survey Review: The Board reviewed the survey results from July 2016, pertaining to adding /and the cost of, a pool or splash pad. Splash Pad: It was noted that an additional manager and a larger number of summer staff would be needed for a pool. More people said no to the splash pad percentage wise than a pool. 62% of those who answered said they would support a pool or splash pad. It seemed, within that percentage, there was a wide range of ages so it seems it’s not only families with children that would be in favor of a water feature for Eyota.
- B) Initiate “Call of Interest” to Community: A community group needs to be formed to take charge of the planning stages whether Eyota will pursue a pool or splash-pad and figure out what that would entail. Hall will put a paragraph in the next newsletter asking for community volunteers to create a pool or splash pad committee to investigate the options. Anyone who is interested should email the city general email address. The board will review the responses at February’s meeting.

**\*\*Holst needed to leave the meeting at 8:30pm\*\***

**Bush’s Woodland Park:** Hall has not gotten any email reply from Nicholas Gunter, the Boy Scout who was a guest at the December meeting; in regards to if the scouts had been given an ok to pursue the park improvements projects.

### **Other Business:**

1. Ice rink string lights: Clark brought up a message from Facebook in which a person showed a photo of an ice rink that had Christmas type lights strung over the ice rink. They asked if Eyota could get similar lights and they would be willing to donate up to \$1,000. Clark said he would send this information to Brad Boice in Public Works to check the cost and possibility of installation of that type of lights.

2. Bookmobile: Robinson asked why the bookmobile doesn't stop at West Side Park. Currently it stops at Eyota Kid's Korner, a dental office will be opening soon and would be using that parking lot so there would most likely not be room for it to park there in the near future. Kullot mentioned he knew who to contact and would get a hold of them to see what needed to be done to change the bookmobile's location for this scheduled stop.

**Adjourn**: Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Kellen to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

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Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary