

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

**Present:**

**Members:** Kevin Kullot, Jacob Robinson, Jake Schleusner, Dom Kellen, Kim Horn, Jake Schleusner **Council Reps:** Tyrel Clark **Secretary:** Kathie Hall

**Absent:** Council Rep: Kurt Holst

**Guests:** Boy Scouts & two of their mothers

**Call to Order:** Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

**Approve the Minutes:** Motion was made by Schleusner and seconded by Robinson, to approve the minutes of the January 11th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Park / Maintenance:**

**Public Works Update:** Hall read park updates from Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor. Ice Rink: it is being monitored daily and filled as needed and based on current weather conditions. Sunrise Park; new rubber matting has been ordered and will be installed this spring, as soon as weather permits; this was in the budget. Summerfield Park: Sit 'n Spin equipment is being repaired and painted. Ash Tree Treatment: has been approved by the council and trees at Freedom Park will be treated this spring. Trees in the other parks were mentioned and Hall remembered seeing another quote last season, she will look for it.

**Freedom Park Advertising Signs:** Letters are sent to 65 businesses and churches in and around Eyota to see if there is interest in ball park advertising signs. Eleven businesses put signs up in 2016 and 2015. Hall will email the current mailing list to Kullot to review to see if any changes are needed.

**Summer Rec 2017:** Director Ryan Scheevel will attend the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hall reported meeting with Scheevel at city hall. Decisions were made in regards to registration dates, which will be Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm and Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 11-1. Registration forms are to be passed out at elementary school by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Hall said she would put this information in the quarterly city newsletter. She also questioned advertising for summer rec coaches; should there be information about running the summer movie equipment? Clark stated that he would be running the equipment again this year.

**Community Garden:** Hall asked Clark who to contact in getting the community garden underway and he said to email himself and Iris Neumann, Farmers Market Manager for information.

**Minnesota Design Team Visit:** The group is coming to Eyota for a follow-up visit and a Park Board Member is needed to do a quick 5 minute presentation on what has been accomplished

in the parks since their April 2016 visit. Hall was asked to email everyone as the date gets closer and the decision would be made then.

Volleyball Net Ratchets: Hall will check with Brad Boice about his findings in what to do about the volleyball net ratchets and report back at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bush's Woodland Park: The Scouts haven't had a formal chance to meet with a scout official about their project qualifications and specifications, but what they did find out was, in regards to the funding. After the scouts figure costs and labor and show a budget to the city, the city is able to fund the boys without doing any fundraising. It was clarified that these are Eagle Scout projects so the boys may become Eagle Scouts. Marcus, one of the scouts, had a power point to show the board. In the presentation there were ideas for a way finding sign for all the parks in town, tree label plaques and low ropes course. The Scouts were asked to explore the potential building of a low ropes course with a higher climbing structure and to bring photo ideas the next time they come. Robinson suggested that 'Little Tykes Commercial' could also be investigated for the park, being that's what Eyota has used in the past and would help for future repair parts if needed. The board also encouraged them to tour other parks in the area for ideas. The Scouts will continue to work on a plan with more specifics and meet with the board again soon.

City tree nursery program for Boulevard Trees: Holst was absent, so this was not discussed.

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

Walking Path / Snowmobile Path: Hall stated that Public Works was wondering if the Park Board was interested in having them cut down some trees along the proposed snowmobile / grassy walk area route. This would be the west end of where that trail would start. Public Works says the trees are old weed type trees; the trees at the east end of the path would be kept. Park Board is fine with cutting down those trees; Hall will let Public Works know. Goals to accomplish for this meeting would be to decide where the paths are desired and how wide the berm should be, as the engineers are in the planning stages for the wetlands. Width of the berm could be 12 to 15 feet and the direction of both paths was discussed and decided on. Clark sent Hall information on two grants available that could help with costs of the proposed paths and pavilions. The options of both grants were discussed and it was decided that Hall, with the assistance of Iris Neumann, would work on paperwork for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Local Connecting Trails grant only. The grant is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Hall will email the links to both grants for the board to review further. Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Schleusner to recommend to the council that an application for the MN DNR local trails connection grant be applied for. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Pavilion Ideas: Clark showed photos of the Minnesota Design Teams ideas and also what he's found on-line in regards to pavilion styles. A design with retractable doors would be desirable. The decision was made not to apply for the second grant, which would entail more research on a pavilion and due to the fact that there are the unknown plans of a splash pad or pool it is too difficult to come up with a solid plan to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. The decision

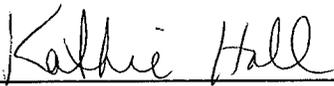
was made to bring ideas to the next meeting to meet some requirements for that grant to apply for next year at this time.

**Splash Pad / Pool Committee:** Nine people are on the committee list and have expressed interest for helping on a new splash pad / pool group. Clark stated that he thought a good size group would be 15 people. The next step would be to schedule a meeting with these people, along with one or two park board members, to establish guidelines and direction in what needs to be accomplished. Robinson and Schleusner will represent the Park Board on this committee. Hall will send them the email list and they will contact the people and schedule the meeting.

**Other Business:**

1. **Ice rink string lights:** Hall was questioned the status of Public Works finding out pricing of lights at the skate rink. She said she asked Brad Boice before the meeting and he stated that they hadn't been asked this question so needed to learn more detail.
2. **Ice rink volunteers:** Kullot asked about getting ice rink volunteers to flood the rink on a regular basis. Could there be a possibility of hiring someone or getting a volunteer to take care of it for the whole winter. This is something that should be discussed at a later date at the end of the summer.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Schleusner and seconded by Kellen to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.



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Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary