

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

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: Five Boy Scouts & their mothers.

Call to Order: Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Robinson and seconded by Schleusner, to approve the minutes of the February 8th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Park / Maintenance:

Public Works Update: Hall read Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor, updates. **Volleyball Net Ratchet:** suggestion is to purchase ratchets for tightening the volleyball nets; one per net, instead of cranks, because there is not a handle sticking out like there is with the cranks. The cost would be around \$24. Robinson made a motion to purchase the ratchets for the volleyball nets, seconded by Schleusner. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Hall will request the ratchets be purchased.

Ash Tree Treatment: The pour on treatment for Ash trees are ideal for 12" – 15" diameter trees and most of the trees that we have are larger than that. Last summer there was a second quote which was a different treatment option for the trees. Hall should ask Public Works about initiating treatment that way. The goal is to keep as many mature trees as we can.

Third Volleyball Court / Sand in-between current volleyball courts: The Board discussed the option of a third court and the location. If a third court is put in east of the existing courts, that would affect one of the disc golf tees, which is in that location. If the disc golf tee needs to be moved, the sign for the course would need to be re-done. The Board is also questioning if a third court is actually needed at this time, although, if sand is being added in between the courts, that would be a good time to add the third. Hall is to find out from Public Works what the cost of sand, excavation and additional sand in-between the current volleyball courts would be.

Summer Rec 2017: Director Scheevel reviewed his plan for this year's summer rec activities and WOW trips. Frisbee golf will not be offered this year due to low numbers. A few activities' fees have been raised due to an increased amount of time per week for those events. Clark stated we would rather not increase prices if it isn't needed and to look at the budget to see how the

expenses and fees balance out. Scheevel would like to have a water balloon / water gun event at West Side Park June 28th and will bring details at a future meeting. Another event he would like to plan is a 'Hero's Day' during Eyota Days or after a t-ball or soccer game in the evening. Scheevel will talk to local Ambulance, Fire Department and Police officer to get that planned. Summer Rec Coaches applications are being received; with the new pay structure, there is now a \$1 raise for returning staff compared to \$2.50 in previous years. First aid / CPR training is being set up with Eyota Volunteer Ambulance for the coaches to take before summer rec program starts.

Bush's Woodland Park: Four Boy Scouts attended the meeting and presented their ideas for their park projects. Nathaniel stated he was intending on planting trees and making a plaque for each tree explaining what type of tree it is. Marcus presented his project, which would be a low ropes course, 1 – 2 feet off the ground. Nick said his project was to build four benches and three picnic tables by the low ropes course. Zach's project is general playground equipment consisting of a slide and swings including a tire swing with a cost estimate of \$1,000 to \$3,000. The Board brought up Google Earth showing the park and explaining what some of the current needs are, so the boys could keep that in mind and incorporate that into their plan. The Board went on to explain that the scouts should work with each other while preparing their individual plans, study the park and what the Park Board has previously requested, then have a layout of where each project will be. For the Scouts to proceed on their projects, their written plans need to be signed by the City Council for their Scout Commissioner to give them approval for their projects. Motion was made by Robinson seconded by Schleusner to make a recommendation to City Council to sign the boy scouts project proposals for the parks. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Community Event Center / Sunset Square Park Long Term Plan: No new ideas were brought for an Event Center but some ideas were discussed, one of them was to install additional water fountains at all parks. Future discussions regarding park improvements at Sunset Square would be in preparation for applying for the DNR Outdoor Recreational Grant in 2018.

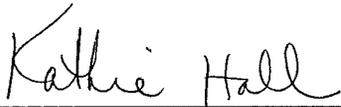
Splash Pad / Pool Committee: The first meeting will be March 14 at 7:30 at City Hall and there currently are 12 people with their name on the committee list. Schleusner and Robinson will be the Park Board representatives to lead the meeting and asked for Hall to email them information on the previous splash pad company's information and studies. They asked for guidelines in preparation for the meeting and suggestions were; make sure the committee members know that it is for both splash pad and pool, both should be researched, this is the 'investigation' stage. The committee members should also choose a chair person and secretary.

Summer Movie Series: Hall stated that the budget for the movie series is \$1500. The Board chose the following dates for the showings: June 2nd; June 16th; July 21st; Aug 11th Alternate dates will be: June 30th; July 28th; Aug 18th. Clark will email the Park Board the link for the movie rental vendor so they have title suggestions to choose from at the next meeting. Discussion came back to showing movies downtown, possibly one geared to teens and older so

railroad track safety won't be as much of an issue with small children. A motion was made by Schleusner, seconded by Robinson, to make a recommendation to the City Council show one movie downtown on the grain elevators. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business: The July 12 Park Board meeting conflicts with Eyota Days and the desire is to reschedule the meeting. July 19th will be the reschedule date. Hall will call the Eyota Volunteer Ambulance to see if their meeting room is available for that evening being that the Planning Commission meeting is at City Hall July 19th.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schleusner and seconded by Kellen to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary