

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – March 1, 2018

Meeting Location: Parks & Recreation – Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Marc Litzen
Abby Landmeier
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Byron Wiehe
Duke Wortmann

Board Members Absent: Bob Wiig

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Gary Schroen at 12:02 p.m.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Duke Wortmann made a motion to approve the minutes for February 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Sam Susuras and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Community Center Feasibility Study

Traci Wieland stated that there will be another round of meetings this month. Monday, March 5, 2018 at the American Lutheran Church there will be an internal meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and an external meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. The content of both meetings will be the same. On March 19, 2018 PRAB Board will meet with architects and the consulting team from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Hospitality Suite and that evening at 5:30 p.m. we will update City Council. There is a report on the city website with all the comments that were received back in January and it shows a lot of support for this project.

Item 4: Golf Request for Proposals Process

Rob Schoeber stated that they have advertised request for proposals for private companies to lease and manage the two municipal courses. We have received 6 proposals all of who come out to visit the locations. Some of the proposals look favorable.

Rob Schoeber discussed with the Board how the golf funds operate, regarding revenues versus expenses and discussed the difference between the General Fund and Enterprise Funds (which is

what golf operates on). At the end of each year there is a “fund balance” which stays with golf so they can be kept whole in off years.

There is some property up near Tiara Rado Golf Course (40+ Acres) that if approved by a community vote could be sold to help pay off a portion of the debt.

Item 5: Horizon Park

Horizon Park has a lower section with approximately 3+ acres that the fire department would like to use to house a temporary ambulance facility, along with a “bubble garage” for the ambulances. The rest of the park is approximately 13+ acres and would not be used. There would still be available parking for people who like to walk the dirt path that is currently on the property. These are the initial conversations and staff perspective is that this would be a good location. Community meetings will be scheduled and the property would likely be rezoned.

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve use of this location by the fire department. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 5: Good of the Community

The developer for Pinnacle Ridge property will be going back before City Council on Wednesday to discuss the Board’s decision and the option of accepting cash in lieu of land.

Ground Breaking at Las Colonias Business Park will be March 30, 2018.

Rob Schoeber mentioned that the track hours have changed due to unauthorized use, vandalism and camping. The gates will be locked each evening at dark due to continued problems.

Rob Schoeber stated that Class 1 & 2 E-bikes (up to 20 mph) have been approved by City Council to be allowed on developed city trails.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclimation at 12:54 p.m.

Next meeting: April 5, 2018 at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin
Sr. Administrative Assistant