

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – May 3, 2018

Meeting Location: Clubhouse 25, Tiara Rado Golf Course

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Bob Wiig

City Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director Parks and Recreation
Ron Felt, Parks Supervisor
Tricia Rothwell, Recreation Coordinator

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Gary Schroen at 12:00 pm

Item 2: Approve minutes from the April 5, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve the minutes with the following change: “There Board” on the bottom of page one changed to “The Board”. The motion was seconded by Marc Litzen and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Update: Golf Division

Rob Schoeber summarized the reorganization of the Golf Division with a Director of Golf that will oversee Tiara Rado and Golf Maintenance Operations, and a Head Golf Pro that will oversee Lincoln Park. Tiara Rado will also have a Head Golf Pro. Rob added that Brian Franco is currently the interim Head Golf Pro at Lincoln Park and Shon Birch is at Tiara Rado. Rob stated that there were 35 applications for the Director of Golf position. The Director of Golf position will have an incentive program and should be PGA certified. It is estimated that the new Director of Golf will begin in six to eight weeks.

Gary Schroen asked if the City golf courses compete with the private sector. Rob Schoeber explained that a survey is done to make sure the City fees are in the middle of the range currently being charged.

Bill Findlay asked if the current parking lot was a limiting factor at Tiara Rado. Rob Schoeber answered that it was but it will be repaved this year.

Rob Schoeber also explained that the restaurant at Tiara Rado is now called Clubhouse 25 and is run by the same owners as Warehouse 25. Comments about the restaurant have been positive so far.

Item 4: Update: Community Center Feasibility Study Survey

Rob Schoeber shared that the mailing of the survey invitation went out 3 weeks ago and has gotten a good response. The online survey opened afterwards and over 2,000 responses have been received so far. Rob Schoeber stated that the results of the feasibility study will be presented to City Council on July 16.

Item 5: For The Good Of The Community

Ron Felt was introduced by Rob Schoeber. Ron is currently the interim Parks Superintendent. Ron Felt stated that May is the busiest month due to things like weeds, JUCO, preparing the outdoor pool to open, graduation ceremonies and heavy picnic shelter reservations. Ron also explained that some turf has died due to the mild winter. To fix this problem the turf has to be dethatched, replanted and watered deeply.

Marc Litzen stated that he has heard comments on the City's parks and fields; that they are as good as any around.

Item 6: Adjourn

Sam Susuras made a motion to adjourn. Marc Litzen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell
Recreation Coordinator