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AGENDA

YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday, May 16, 2022, 5:30 PM, in the Community Room
CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21st Street**

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Roll Call. Jason Tellus is board President.
- B. Consideration of March 21, 2021. (attachment)
- C. Public Appearances. Public appearance is a time for persons to address The Board on items not listed on the agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Capital projects update.

New play equipment will be installed in Westside Park in 2022. Current ship date for the new equipment is August.

The Yankton Territorial Museum removed buildings this past week. The caboose will be moved in the fall of 2022. The area will be seeded in with grass.

The Westside improvements project has been awarded. Over the course of the summer, you will see removal of the old pedestrian bridge along with the footings at each end and installation of a prefabricated bridge with bollard lighting at both ends of the new bridge approaches; improved landscape wall on the island; adding some additional black dirt on the island to improve the grass turf; reclaiming the rip-rap natural stone around the perimeter of the pond by pulling it up to the edge of the pond and then also adding to the stone to make a more aesthetically pleasing shoreline; creating a small seating plaza on the west side of the shelter house which will abut the pond; muck excavation of the pond to make it deeper and then installation of a new clay liner; improvements to the overflow structure in the pond; and three areas of aquatics plantings along the pond shoreline to help with water quality of the pond.

Three generous donations (Dr. Mike McVay, John Mcvay, and the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery) are making it possible to do a meditative garden, with a sun dial in the middle, along with a labyrinth walkway through the garden to get to the sun dial, and a bench to overlook the garden, labyrinth, and pond. The three donations are expected to pay for the entire estimated amount of the project. Stockwell Engineers are currently creating the project specifications which will be used to publicly bid the project this summer. (attachment)

The only remaining asphalt trail that needs to be replaced in Fantle Memorial Park is the walkway leading up to the south wood shelter. That will be done in the fall after shelter rentals have stopped.

Hopefully, there will be a Marne Creek trail project bid this summer or fall so the trail reconstruction can finally begin.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Parks, Recreation and City Events Department has three new employees working in the parks department: Jay Walsh, Brandon Pavel, and Jordan Groves. The Department is excited to announce that Luke Youmans has been hired as the Recreation and Events Manager. Luke plans to start employment in the month of June.
- B. 2023 Capital Budget proposals (emphasis on proposals and this budget is not finalized until July/August) (attachment)

The leveling/re-grading of Sertoma Park agri-lime infields didn't have a lot of success this spring. There is a machine that is made for grooming agri-lime infields and that has laser leveling ability. The department has decided that this would be a wise investment so we can better meet the expectations of the facility users at Sertoma Park.

There is a group of dog park users that are raising funds as they would like to see a concrete path installed around the entire perimeter inside the dog park fence.

With the addition of high school softball as a sanctioned sport in the spring of 2022, there will be increased pressure for field use at the two north fields in Sertoma Park. Both of these fields have artificial turf infields. Mount Marty University softball team has been using these fields for a number of years now. The budget idea is to have an artificial turf infield installed on the softball field at Riverside Park so MMU can utilize the field, YHS softball can then use the fields at Sertoma Park, and alleviate some of the demand for the two Sertoma Fields. Discussions will need to continue on what the two fields at the SAC could look like in the future with further development.

Working with the pickle ball group to have the courts in Westside Park re-surfaced so there would be four pickle ball courts and no tennis courts. The pickle ball group is also going to do some fund-raising to help pay for this project. Hopefully, some grant funding can be secured also.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. General discussion items.
- Commission Information Memorandums. (4 CIM attachments for previous two months)
 - Other completed work projects for the department are noted in the CIMs.
 - Next Meeting Monday, July 18, 2022.

V. ADJOURN

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