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MINUTES
YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, November 21, 2022, 5:30PM, in the Community Room
CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21st Street

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Present: Nick Severson, Tom Bixler, Elizabeth Healy, and Dan Prendable.

Absent: Jeannine Economy, Jason Tellus, and Commissioner Bridget Benson.

Also present Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Larson, and Parks Secretary Chasity McHenry.

Public Appearances: None.

Minutes: July 18, 2022 minutes approved. Bixler motioned. Healy second. Motion passed 4-0.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2022 Capital projects update.

New play equipment will be installed in Westside Park and this probably going to now be in spring of 2023. Current ship date for the new equipment is end of November which some has been delivered. Equipment was ordered in December 2021.

The Yankton Territorial Museum removed buildings this past week. The caboose and remaining buildings will be moved late November. The area will be seeded in with grass.

The Westside improvements project has some items completed and others ongoing. The meditative garden, sun dial, and labyrinth project has been started with work ongoing. There has been a public upset with the no edge around the pond. Currently in the process of working this issue.

An Eagle Scout Project to enhance the skate park is currently ongoing. A new piece of equipment (a pyramid) is being assembled and will sit next to the current ramps in the middle of the skate park. The spine ramp has been removed and will be rebuilt over the winter. The half-pipe was taken to RTEC and the training classes cut it down in height, by about 2 feet, and then welded the top ledge pieces back on. The half-pipe modifications was a request from the skate park users and had been sought for the past decade.

All asphalt trails in Fantle Memorial Park have been replaced. From here on out we'll keep an eye out for cracks in the sidewalk to be replaced.

The Marne Creek trail project, through FEMA was awarded at the November 14 City Commission meeting. A pre-construction meeting has not been set at this time.



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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Christmas lighting at Riverside Park by Optimists Club. The club has secured another grant and purchased some displays that will be placed to the west of the Capitol Building. The Optimists still plan to do the Santa Claus house in the Capitol on the weekends of December 3 & 4 and December 10 & 11. The Optimists want more lighting in Riverside Park in the years to come and this is a small start to that long-term vision. They are also going to be having a kiddie train run through the park.
- B. A citizen task force is being formed to examine the Summit Activities Center operations. This task force will make recommendations to the City Commission on future operations at the facility in regards to fitness, classes, programming, and membership ideas. The task force idea came out of the public discussions when it was announced the SAC would stop fitness operations in 2023. The SAC has added quite a few fitness classes this fall. Hours of operation were adjusted for the winter to offer more hours on the weekends. Open swims are being offered during the week and on the weekends. Pickleball courts have been taped down on one of the auxiliary gym courts and hours for pickleball are being offered in the mornings at the facility for the first time this winter. It is open Monday through Friday, 6:00am to Noon, and Saturday and Sundays, 8:00am to noon. The facility has been doing a lot of marketing through Facebook as we try to build a solid membership base this winter season.
- C. The Holiday Festival of Lights and Parade took place Thursday, December 1. Luke Youmans had been working with downtown businesses for parade activities, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm that entertained families prior to the parade at 6:00pm. The lighting of the Christmas Tree by the Meridian Bridge took place at 7:00pm and then the fireworks were shot from the top level of the Meridian Bridge.
- D. A citizens committee is being formed to help plan for the Meridian Bridge's 100th birthday in 2024. Names are currently being collected from people who are interested in serving on the committee. It will have its first meeting in January or February of 2023. The birthday would occur in October of 2024.
- E. General Discussion. Bid for the Sertoma Concession stands closed November 30th with at least one person interest in running it.

The City needs to continue to focus on ADA ramps on all intersections in town and having them installed when new sidewalks or current sidewalks are being constructed with street projects in town.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commission information Memorandums (4 CIM attachments).
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, January 17, 2022.

V. ADJOURN

Severson motioned, Bixler second. Motion carried 4-0.