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MINUTES
YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, January 7, 2019
CMTEA Building, Community Room, 1200 W. 21st Street – 5:30 PM

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Present: Darcie Briggs, Bryan Schoenfelder, Catherine Crandall, Dave Spencer and Katelyn Schramm.

Absent: Dave Withrow and Commissioner Stephanie Moser.

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

High School Appearances: Noel Kusek.

Public Appearances: None.

Minutes: December 3, 2018 minutes approved. Briggs motioned. Crandall second. Motion passes 5-0.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update for Dive-In-Yankton effort.

1. The City Commission will be asked to approve a contract with Stockwell Engineers to design the aquatics facility. It will go to the City Commission on the January 14 meeting.
2. The outdoor pool will be open for the entire outdoor swim season in 2019. Closing date would be Friday, August 16.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Plan for the City of Yankton can be found at this webpage: <http://www.cityofyankton.org/home/showdocument?id=5169>

A new funding program to encourage City residents to plant trees in street right-of-ways/boulevards is being introduced in 2019. The form for applying for reimbursement funds to plant trees in public right-of-ways can be found at this webpage: <http://www.cityofyankton.org/home/showdocument?id=6609>

B. Reviewed 2019 Parks Department Capital Improvement Plan.

1. Discussed the Sports Facilities Improvement Plan from the 2014 Stockwell report and how it is worked into the budget as funds permit each year.



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C. Parks planning philosophies to consider for 2019 and beyond:

Evaluation of Parks and Fees

- Special Events, SAC, Memorial Pool, Cemetery, Parks, Shelter Houses, Trail, Fox Run Golf Course
- Fees for outdoor field use?
 - Investment in quality of life for community, investment in citizens who live here
 - Effect on quality of life offerings
- How do we capture visitor's dollars? BBB, sales tax, BID
- Investing in community so there are positive public relations (PR) efforts, benefit to everybody's well-being, nice facilities to host events.
- Sustainability
 - On-going maintenance
 - Updating infrastructure and amenities
 - New purchases
 - Use of volunteers
 - Sponsorships
 - Limiting expenses
- Increasing revenues
 - Philosophical- do we keep things affordable or do we charge higher, reasonable rates?
 - Need facility and staff to do new programs
 - Need to raise rates at current facilities that do charge
 - Charging fees at events
 - Entrance fees
- Parks and Recreation – Duplication of services within own department, with private sector
 - Maximize usage before building new
 - Change facilities if very low usage as currently programmed
 - Natural turf to artificial turf
 - Tennis to pickle ball
 - Create low maintenance areas
 - Connect all amenities to the trail system
- 30 year replacement plan for the play structures throughout park system
- Benches need back rest and arm rests to meet ADA standards

D. There has been a request to consider tennis courts at Fox Run Park.

E. The City (Todd, Amy, and Dave Mingo) met with representatives from the Soccer Association a second time regarding the 40/30 Foundation land and utilizing both 40/30 land and City land along Highway 81 north and Highway 50 west to plan a permanent home for soccer.



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These discussions are very preliminary and will involve the City Commission as ideas are proposed.

F. General Discussion.

- Dave Spencer wants the City to consider adding Christmas displays at Riverside Park in 2019. Todd Larson and family traveled to Creighton, NE to see the Christmas displays. This idea will be explored in 2019.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commission information Memorandums (1 CIM attachment).
- B. Next Meeting Monday, February 4, 2019.

V. ADJOURN

Briggs motioned, Spencer second. Motion carried 5-0.