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MINUTES
YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, July 20, 2020
Go-To-Meeting with link provided by City – 5:30 PM

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Present: Katelyn Schramm, Dave Spencer, Elizabeth Healy, Jason Tellus, Darcie Briggs and Commissioner Stephanie Moser.

Absent: Bryan Schoenfelder.

Also present City Manager Amy Leon, Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Larson, and Parks Secretary Chasity McHenry.

High School Appearances: None.

Public Appearances: None.

Minutes: January 20, 2020 minutes approved. Spencer motioned. Tellus second. Motion passes 5-0.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Local disc golf association proposed a new layout of holes for the 18-hole course at Fantle Memorial Park. The Parks Staff moved tee boxes and baskets on the holes that needed to be relocated. There has been positive feedback about the course layout in Fantle Memorial Park.

The local disc golf association is also proposing a 9-hole course at Riverside Park. The Parks maintenance staff is not in favor of a permanent disc golf course in Riverside Park. The community has said they like the serenity of Riverside Park and are encouraging different venues for disc golf. Discussed, if there is a demand for another course, placing more disc golf at the HSC property, Paddlewheel Point area, Mt. Marty campus as a partnership, the SAC property with the school district as a partner, and/or a designated youth course in Westside Park, as ideas.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Capital Improvement Budget presented by City Manager Amy Leon. Westside Park has a master plan and will look to grants to help fund these improvements. Marne Creek continues to be a long-term project for flood-repairs and new flood hazard mitigation trail areas. Working with FEMA and it is a slow process. Currently, working on getting a request for proposals from engineering firms to look at design aspects of trail repair and new trail areas. Best case scenario is design in 2021 and construction, maybe, in 2022. Fox Run Golf Course is in the second full summer of a full lease with GreatLIFE. There have been no issues with the lease to this point. The SAC will have a tough year budget wise with COVID shut-downs and changes to operations which has really impacted revenues. Obviously, the facility is a community asset and involves the high school, but what, long-term, does the SAC



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operations look like now that the Mount Marty University field-house is opening in the fall and GreatLIFE has multiple fitness facilities in town. The age of the SAC facilities, the expense of trying to keep all equipment up-to-date with trends and demands, and overall regular maintenance of the building are concerns in future years and budgets. The last highlight for the budget discussion is The Huether Family Aquatics Center. Construction is on schedule and so-far all reports are good. Once construction is complete and all change orders are taken into account, a discussion will take place on what to do with remaining project funds.

- B. Open Ice Skating and the City's future involvement discussion.
- With the current health concerns surrounding the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, the City of Yankton has had to adjust its operations in 2020. These adjustments are due to the health and safety of its employees and customers. There are also adjustments being made due to budget constraints caused by the current health situation.
 - In reviewing programming, the City of Yankton has discussed no longer participating in the public open skates held indoors at the 4H Kiwanis Ice Arena.
 - What would this mean- the Ice Association would need to staff, operate, and provide the appropriate liability insurance for the open skates when they determine that open skates can take place at the facility. Spencer believes that it would be in the community's best interest to keep collaborating with the Ice Association once the COVID pandemic has ended (currently this has been a collaboration for 15 years). As of right now, Spencer stated they are planning on a normal skating season.
- C. Discussion of ideas for The Huether Family Aquatics Center pool pass and daily fee schedule for 2021. City staff has discussed building in yearly increases right from the start to avoid that year when fees have to be adjusted dramatically (2% increase rounded up to the nearest dollar). The board thought this was a sound idea. The board also examined other community comparisons for aquatics fees. Fees at the local movie theater were also brought up. As of now, the discussion was for only individual passes and the fee set at \$60. The board felt this was a reasonable amount. The board also felt not having discounts in year one is a sound idea. Discussion on the price of a day pass for individuals was had also. It was mentioned to examine Norfolk's rates also to add to the comparisons. A lot of discussion was had on the age of a child that can enter the facility at no charge. The board discussed not giving away revenue and also at what age will a child enjoy the facility and want to spend a large amount of time at the facility. Norfolk's facility has a \$5 daily fee and has children under 3 allowed in at no charge. The daily fee was also thought of in regards to Yankton's visitor population. If the business model is to drive locals to the season pass, then maybe the daily fee should be higher to capture tourist dollars. Thinking about the daily fee and dividing that amount into the season pass fee to determine how many times a person needs to visit the aquatics center to make the value of a season pass worth it was also discussed (example: \$9/daily fee divided into the \$60/season pass would mean a person need to visit the facility seven times in a summer to be money ahead). If the facility is open for 2 ½ months, is seven visits easily achieved? It is a twelve-week season.
- D. Pierre Dorian monument area. Request by adjoining property owner to place a picnic table under the trees by the monument to compliment the bench that is there currently. The PAB was neutral to the idea. Todd needed to speak with City staff to determine their stance. He wanted the PAB thoughts before speaking with staff.
- E. KYB proposed plan for bench and landscaping at entrance to Marne Creek West Greenway was reviewed. No issues with the plans presented.



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- F. Rob Buechler, who is a Yankton Police Officer and the Staff Sergeant for Bravo Battery, has proposed a volunteer project for a local national guard group of 10 soldiers to clean some headstones at the City Cemetery in August. The Parks Department will work with Sergeant Buechler on this project. The board had no issues with this volunteer effort.
- G. A temporary crushed concrete path has been installed through Rotary Nature Area to allow trail users to stay on a trail and gain access to the sidewalk along Highway 50 at the south end of the park. The City Engineers will meet with the trail staff to determine if a temporary connector path can be created to allow trail users access to the trail underneath the Highway 50 bridge at the south end of Rotary Park.
- H. The COVID plan for Summit Activities Center as the City works with the School District for building access was reviewed. July 29 there will be a meeting between the City and School District to discuss building access moving forward from August to the end of the pandemic.
- I. General Discussion. Have heard good things about the Bocce Ball courts at Fantle Memorial Park.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commission information Memorandums (4 CIM attachments).
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020.

V. ADJOURN

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