

October 2, 2019

PARK BOARD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF WAITE PARK

The Waite Park – Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Waite Park City Hall. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bowden.

Park Board Members Present: John Bowden, Bruce Melin, Wayne Lenzmeier, Jeanne Lodermeier, Janice Rein

Others Present: Bill Schluenz – Public Works Director, Lorraine Russell – Landscape Coordinator

Approval of the Agenda: Member Lenzmeier made the motion, Member Lodermerier seconded and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Member Melin made the motion, Member Lenzmeier seconded and it passed unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag was made.

Grants

Member Bowden reported that he wrote a grant to the Busch Foundation handicap assessable basketball courts. It was not funded.

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Director Schluenz reported on the progress of The Ledge. The committee is looking for graphic arts and working with lots of possibilities. The concrete work is progressing with the floor for the stage to be poured next week. Framing will begin for the box office, etc., next.

The Open House was discussed. Good public response was reported.

River's Edge Ballfields

There have been issues with the new ballfield; Contractors are now correcting the water problems in the grass between the fields. Drainage is being added and some concrete.

Landscape Coordinator

Coordinator Russell reported the gift of a boulder that is ready to be made into a fountain for the Library Garden. Also, the Rock Garden on the Healthy Living Trail has been weeded and about 1/3 of the gravel removed by the volunteers from BioLife. Mulch will be added in the coming week. The BioLife volunteers also potted plants and cleaned the 602 building,

Park Updates

The Waite Park City Council will be discussing the problems around the Lion's Park area and considering solutions.

Budget

Director Schluenz reported that the next budget will include funds to reroof buildings in all three parks. When completed, they will all be alike. The Quad Concession Building in particular needs reroofing.

Other Business

A grant was obtained for rental bikes for the Trail. The station should be ready in early spring.

The Community Park Pavilion rental rates were discussed. Member Lodermeier suggested considering the rates for area churches. Member Lenzmeier moved that we keep the same cost for 2020 and 2021 and increase the rates in 2022. Member

Melin seconded. The decision was made unanimously to consider this a public service and leave the rates at \$65.00 for residents, \$150.00 for non-residents. Reconsiderations will be made for 2022.

The Rock Garden on the Healthy Living Trail is being prepared for installation of steps from the Parking Lot to the Trail. The steps will be 7 feet wide with railings on each side. The walk area will be 6 feet wide when finished. A ramp will be created starting at the caboose end of the Parking Lot and ending further east on the Trail, creating a gentle slope for wheelchairs, etc. The project will be completed in early spring.

Next Meeting will be December 4, 2019.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Member Lenzmeier, seconded by Member Rein. All in favor.

Chairman John Bowman

Secretary Janice Kay Rein