

City of Waite Park

Park Board Minutes

March 7, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmitt at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Members present: John Bowden, Wayne Lenzmeier, Janice Rein, Ken Schmitt, Bill Schluez,  
Landscape Coordinator Lorraine Russell

Motion to approve agenda by Member Bowden, seconded by Member Lenzmeier. Agenda approved.

Motion to approve minutes by Member Bowden, seconded by Member Lenzmeier.

### **Grants**

Member Bowden reported that the total cost of the Fitness Court Project is \$135,000.00. He has written 18 grant requests so far and called 21 businesses. The Park Dedication Fund will make up any differences in funding after we see what grants are funded.

### **Fitness Court**

Work on the Fitness Court will begin in May. The exact area is not plotted yet, but it most likely will be in the west section of the Healthy Living Trail where a large double flowerbed needs to be removed or redone. The absence of trees makes the spot attractive. The balance beam may need to be moved. The finished size will be 38' X 38'. Waterlines will be extended to that portion of the Trail and a water fountain will be installed. A discussion of the site and features followed.

### **Landscape Coordinator**

Coordinator Russell reported that she has been working with a group of volunteers who are beginning gardeners. They have been planting seeds and using the grow lights installed in the old maintenance garage. The papyrus wintering over there are doing well and will be planted in the planters at City Hall this summer.

Park Meadows has contacted her and pledged assistance in park clean-up, generously donating 2 days of help.

### **Eller Property**

Member Schluez deferred this item for the next meeting.

### **Park Updates**

Member Schluez said that the bridge was installed 2 weeks ago. The grand opening has yet to be scheduled.

Planning for the bathrooms for 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. is moving forward as well as plans to complete work on the ball parks and parking lots in River's Edge Park. The Library Park work will be completed this summer. Cameras and other equipment have been installed at City Hall for safety.

New hanging baskets with water wells have been ordered for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Trail. The wells have an easy access for adding water. Granite steps will be installed at the Rock Garden this summer. Coordinator Russell mentioned the problem of the small rock piling up at the bottom of the garden. Member Schluenz said the small rock will have to stay as it was part of a donation.

### **Other Business**

Member Schluenz said that we will be getting the plans for the amphitheater soon. It is complicated, but the bonding bill went through although it is not on the governor's desk yet.

Next meeting will be April 4, 2018.

Member Bowman moved that we adjourn. Member Lenzmeier seconded. Motion approved.

---

Chairperson                      date

---

Secretary    date