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PARK BOARD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF WAITE PARK

The Waite Park - Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 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, Jeanne Lodermeier, Wayne Lenzmeier, Bruce Melin, Janice Rein

Park Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Bill Schluez, Public Works Director; Lorraine Russell, Volunteer Coordinator/
Landscape Consultant

Approval of the Agenda: Member Lenzmeier made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Lodermeier and passed unanimously by those present.

Approval of the Minutes: Member Lodermeier moved to approve the minutes of Feb.13, 2019. The motion was seconded by Member Lenzmeier and passed unanimously by those present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was made.

Rollcall.

All present

Grants

Member Bowden is currently working on the \$4,000.00 grant to bus youth to the Outdoor Exercise Complex in River's Edge Park.

AMP

Monday night the City Council heard base bids for the building, stage, boxes, fencing, etc. for the AMP. Five alternates were taken. They have good prices on concessions and solar panels. Phase 1, the underground work, will start on Monday as the frost is out. Phase 2 will start, possibly, in 2 weeks. A pre-construction meeting is to be held on April 17 with work to begin the first part of May.

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Fund raising is in progress for the naming rights to the AMP.

If anyone wishes to do a site survey by golf cart, give Member Schluenz notice to schedule.

River's Edge Ballfields

Director Schluenz reported that the irrigation, fencing, etc. needs updating for the ballfields. A contractor is not yet selected.

River's Edge Maintenance Building - Restrooms

The maintenance building/restrooms is being finished. The design will include modular stone on the outside. It will be 95% done by May 1. There is more to be done for grading and irrigation. This will be done by the ball field contractor.

Also planned is a mini-plaza with lots of concrete and big planters in front of the building.

13th Ave Restrooms

There is a need for extra power in Community Park so additional wiring is being done. The plan is to have connectors on a reel that can be placed where needed. There is storage space within the facility when the reel is in use.

Disc Golf

The maintenance staff is cutting out brush for trails while keeping all the big trees on the disc golf course. An Eagle Scout is doing the tees for Disc Golf and will install them in May. A kiosk is being built for course information and rules. The goal is to be ready for Spass Tag.

Landscaped Coordinator

Groups of volunteers have been working to keep plants saved from last summer alive under grow lights and are now beginning to start new plants from cutting of the geraniums saved. They are also experimenting with starting annuals from seeds, reported Coordinator Russell .

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Park Updates

The Outdoor Fitness Court in River’s Edge Park has been vandalized. Damage has been done to the decals on the equipment and they will have to be replaced. Cameras will be placed in the near future to help prevent further damage.

Other Business

Member Lodermeier reminded us that the Legacy Grant for widening the walkways and moving the trees on the Trail expansion from the bridge to the River’s Edge Park entrance expires by June of this year.

Member Bowden said that there is a grant of \$5,000.00 for a bike station on the Trail in River’s Edge Park. The station will include tools and other equipment for fixing a bike.

Member Lodermeier asked about the opening of the basketball courts in Lion’s Park. Director Schluenz will confer with the Waite Park Police as to who will be in charge of opening and closing. Staff is working on the handicap restroom.

Our next meetings will provide a forum at the beginning of the meeting for any guest who wishes to speak to the Board. Two minutes will be allowed for each guest speaker.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2019

Adjournment

Member Lenzmeier moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Rein and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

John Bowden, Chair

Janice Rein, Secretary