

City of Waite Park

Park Board Minutes

June 6, 2018

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

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

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

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

Amp

Member Schluenz reported that the State bonding bill has passed and is at \$5,000,000.00. A 2020 opening of the Amphitheater is planned with ground breaking planned for this year. There will be meetings with the architect to finalize plans as well as necessary paperwork. The rest of the cost of the facility will be obtained by fundraising for sponsors, etc. There will also be use of the sales tax funds.

Grants

Member Bowden reported that the Fitness Court Project is being bid and building will soon begin. Grants have been obtained for \$37,000.00 of the cost.

The Lake Wobegon Trail Bridge opening will be set soon. Currently there are 100,000 users on the Trail. He is looking for a grant of \$10,000.00 to build a bike repair station in River's Edge Park on the Trail.

Fitness Court

Member Schluenz reported that they are looking at contractors bidding for the job and are looking for another quote. Materials have been ordered. Member Bowden and Margie are working on obtaining sponsorships for the Court. All are hoping to have completion by the end of the summer.

River's Edge

SEH has completed designs for the ball fields and parking lots. Bids go to the Council on June 25th. There will be alternate bids taken for the fields and parking lots. The bathrooms will be the same design as the one for Community Park with one exception; there will be an end area with facility to wash vehicles.

13th Ave Bathrooms

Member Schluenz reports that the new building will match the Pavilion in design. Also, there will be new sewer and water work done on 13th Ave. The avenue will also be repaved.

Landscape Coordinator

Coordinator Russell reported that one round-a-bout has been cleaned but, so far, not the second one. She has several new volunteers on board. The flower boxes on 13th Avenue have been planted and are looking good. A blue bird family has taken up residence in the bird house Randy Shield built and placed in the Library Garden.

Work is being done on the Trail Rock Garden and in Library Park at present. There have been no flower donations yet this year. Some plants have been started in the old maintenance building with the use of grow lights. A cold frame for hardening them has been built by volunteers.

Member Schluez mentioned that Coordinator Russell has been working without a contract but is now contracted until December. She was contracted from April to April. He is arranging for her contract to be from January to December beginning in 2019.

Park Updates

Member Schluez said that the weather has delayed much of the spring work planned. Dean is now the head of the park workers.

The new hanging baskets with water wells are too heavy for the existing brackets so Theisen's will be building some stronger ones.

Workers have been cleaning the field houses, taking out the shrubs ahead of City Hall to prepare for flower boxes, working on the flag poles in River's Edge as well as solving irrigation problems. Please refer park problems to Dean.

Eagle Scout Projects

Two Boy Scouts are working toward their Eagle Scout badges. One is building raised garden boxes and the other is making 9 concrete pads for the Disc Golf Course. Both are excited about their projects.

Other Business

Lake Wobegon Trail

The Grand Opening of the new bridge may be on July 12. The electricity is in, fill is completed, and the paperwork is done.

Quarry Park

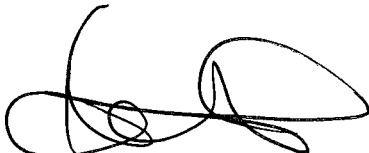
Quarry Park is celebrating their 21st year anniversary on Saturday, June 16, and will have free parking from 10 am until 2 pm. There will be demos and other attractions.

Greenhouse

Coordinator Russell and Member Rein made a presentation of their research into building a greenhouse at the old maintenance building site. The presentation included pictures of various types of greenhouses, costs, and suggestions for thermal heating. Member Schluenz suggested that they meet with him within the next 6 weeks.

Next meeting will be Aug 1, 2018.

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


Chairperson

08/01/2018.
Date


Secretary

08/01/2018
Date