

City of Waite Park

Park Board Minutes

August 1, 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 Bowden, seconded by Member Lenzmeier. Agenda approved.

Motion to approve minutes by Member Bowden, seconded by Member Lodermeier. Minutes approved.

Amp

Member Schluenz reported contracts with firms for booking and legal work, much paperwork being done. Currently culling trees. An exception was applied for on clearing but has not come through as of now, so all the trees removed need to be counted in case we are required by the State of MN to replace them.

The target for opening is 2020. The State must yet approve our contractor. Time is being spent working out where to site needs security fences and cameras as well as physically preparing the site.

Grants

Member Bowden reported that he is working on one project as 800' – 1000' of rock must be blasted in order to extend the Glacier Lakes Trail. He is looking for \$150,000.00 in grant money with a Waite Park city match. Member Lodermeier moved that he go ahead, Member Rein seconded. Motion carried.

Fitness Court

Member Schluenz reported that the Fitness Court is on schedule and the features will be put in soon. He plans on asking the Lion's Club to help on Aug. 13th. The Launch Party is scheduled for Aug. 30th at 10 a.m. with prizes, contests, etc. This is the only National Council on Fitness Court in MN so it is a big thing. Member Lodermeier suggested that the Stearns County Public Health be invited. Donations for a sponsorship have been around \$35,000.00 each.

River's Edge

Bids are to be received for the building of the two ball parks in Phase 3. These will include fields, bathrooms, trails, storm sewers. Work is to start in Mid-Sept. The parking lot is not included.

Lion's Park

Basketball courts were locked for a while but are now open. Because of the concerns, the police are patrolling regularly. A big problem is that there are too many users for the number of courts available. Clean-up of the litter is a problem. Currently the courts are opened by Waite Park staff at 8 a.m. and locked at 8 p.m. by the police. Working to find solutions; more sites are needed.

Disc Golf

Member Schluez reported a new layout is set, which will go into the scrub area near the River so some clean-up work is needed. This is at no cost to the City as Spass Tag has made a gift to the City. Signs are being made for the layout, etc. They hope to have it ready for the next Spass Tag. Thank you, Spass Tag!

13th Ave Bathrooms

Member Schluez reports that the new building will have a new design. The inside will be the same as previously discussed. There will be sidewalk all around and curb out to the street. Discussion followed as the new plan does not include a roof overhang as was hoped. It may be built this fall or in the spring. There is a local request to keep the south bathroom as well.

Landscape Coordinator

Coordinator Russell reported new flower beds are being built where flower beds 3, 4 & 5 were. 4 & 5 will become one round bed which will be a butterfly garden. Edging has been placed and work will proceed this fall and in the spring. Traffic on the Healthy Living Trail has increased noticeably since the bridge was opened. Many compliments have been received from Trail users about the flowers. Pictures were shown of the progress.

Park Updates

Nothing of note to report.

Eagle Scout Projects

Five planter boxes are completed and are ready. We need a plan for offering them to the public. They are 2' x 3', 3' x 3' and 3' x 6'. Suggestions were made including using Facebook, Public Access TV, Discovery School and inviting people to write an essay on how they would be placed and used.

Budget

Member Schluez noted that he is looking into revamping the Quad at River's Edge Park and how much that will cost. Tomorrow, Member Schluez, Coordinator Russell and Member Rein will be looking at a greenhouse that is for sale.

Other Business

Parking

The Amphitheater Committee is looking into Quarry Park patron parking options south of the Public Works Facility.

Lake Wobegon Trail

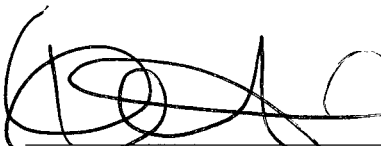
The current chain link fence is to be replaced. Cost will be \$2,000.00. Member Schmitt asked if we will have a sign showing our trail system on site.

Glacier Lakes Trail

The trail will be brought up to 3rd St. N. That section will go on bid.

Next meeting will be Oct. 3, 2018.

Member Lenzmeier moved we adjourn, Member Bowden seconded. Motion approved.


Chairperson date 10/03/2018.


Secretary date Oct 3, 18