

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2016**

**Present:** **Members:** Randy Sexton, Kevin Kullot, Jacob Robinson **Council Reps:** Kurt Holst, Tyrel Clark **Secretary:** Kathie Hall **Summer Rec Director:** Ryan Scheevel

**Absent:** Dianne Schmidt, Jake Schleusner

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair, Robinson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Approve the Agenda:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Sexton to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve the Minutes:** Motion was made by Sexton and seconded by Robinson, with one spelling correction and also verbiage correction on page 2: the last bullet point, that “all ball fields will be sprayed every year” rather than just ‘WSP ball fields’; to approve the minutes of the September14 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Summer Rec Director Update:**

Scheevel prepared a summary re-cap of the summer rec program which was broken down by activity and walked the Park Board through his review of the season. He detailed how many participants for each program and the successes of the year and goals for 2017. Scheevel also mentioned the idea of a fall adult kickball league; it is played in Rochester with a lot of success. Board members thought this to be a good idea and possibly see what interest there might be in 2017 to possibly implement in 2018. Another idea was to incorporate a mentorship program, which would have younger volunteer’s (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders) help the coaching staff during the activities. This would possibly encourage the younger students to get excited to be one of the coaches in the future. Both of these ideas will be brought up again in early 2017 for discussion.

**Park / Maintenance:**

- Sutherland Fence will complete the West Side ballfield backstop replacement this year.
- Earthen path at West Side Park has been installed and sod or seed will be put on soon.
- New Sunset Square Park sign has arrived and will be installed soon.
- Gravel has been put on the ice rink area.
- Advertising boards at Freedom Park are being removed this week.
- Jackie Reiland Scoreboard: Hall will contact Jeff Bradshaw to see how he would like to officially present the donation once Hall gives him the completed project dollar amount.

**Basketball Stencil for Summerfield Park:**

The stencil was delivered to City Hall this very morning. Hall gave the stencil to Kullot. He will take care of painting the lines on Summerfield Park basketball concrete and let the board know when it’s completed. If there are no warmer days that Kevin is available it might have to wait until spring.

**Volleyball – Net Crank Quotes:**

Kullot submitted two quotes from VolleyballUSA.com each quote is for 3 cranks; \$879.59 & \$1,227.00. Hall was asked to talk with Public Works to get their view on these two quotes and also ask them, if they might have an alternative option, to possibly add a pulley and ratchet system using eye-bolts for the nets as a more reasonably priced way to keep the nets tight. This subject will be brought back up in early 2017.

**Bush’s Woodland Park:**

Survey results: The board went through the survey results looking at a spreadsheet summarizing the results. **See “Exhibit A”**. In brief; 13 out of 33 responded; the results, in which participants could circle more than one option, showed: five would like a small pavilion: five would like it to stay the same: nine separate choices in five different options. After going over the results, the decision was made to clean it up, keep it the way it is and make improvements so as there is no additional work for the city. First there needs to be a design plan for the layout. It would be helpful to have an aerial photo of the park to be able to draw out ideas. Kullot said he would be able to get the photo and send it to Hall, who will forward to the board.

**Other Business:**

Wetland – Lake Feasibility Study: Clark read a note from WHKS, the city engineers stating that they had contacted three state agencies who all stated there is not any reason that the potential lake project would not be allowed from a regulatory stand point. All current wetland rules would apply and based on this information they recommend the city to go forward with the feasibility study. WHKS will develop a report with a cost and opinion; this report will be complete by the next Park Board meeting. Clark will update the board on the feasibility report at the next meeting.

Tree Boulevard Program: Clark and Holst have been discussing the possibility of having a city initiated/ run nursery, specifically for boulevard trees. The purpose of this program would be to have available and approved boulevard trees on-hand to replace trees that may be damaged during a street project. Residents may also purchase the nursery trees, on their own at a small price, for their boulevard at any time. Another option would be to talk with a local nursery to purchase trees at a low price and annually offer these approved trees to residents to purchase at a lower price to plant themselves. There is possibly a grant available to initiate the tree nursery program and, with what has been budgeted each year, there could already be money to start this program. More will be discussed at the November meeting.

Randy Sexton turned in his resignation letter to step down from the park board, as he has moved to Chatfield.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Sexton to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

*Kathie Hall*

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Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary