

**CITY OF EYOTA
PARK BOARD MINUTES
JULY 18, 2016**

Present: **Members:** Randy Sexton, Dianne Schmidt, Kevin Kullot, Jake Schleusner
Council Rep: Tyrel Clark **Secretary:** Kathie Hall **Summer Rec Director:** Ryan Scheevel

Absent: **Member:** Jacob Robinson **Council Rep:** Kurt Holst

Call to Order: Chair, Schleusner, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Approve the Agenda: Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Sexton to approve the agenda with additions to Other Business: Donation of a grill for the concession stand. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the Minutes: There was a motion made by Kullot and seconded by Sexton to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Park / Maintenance:

Public Works Update: Final preparations for Eyota Days are being made on all Parks.

Freedom Park: Scoreboard poles and cement pad have been installed in the outfield and Scoreboard should arrive the first part of August. Chosen Valley Electric will do the wiring once the scoreboard is in place.

Sunrise Park: a cement pad for the bike rack has been installed and the bike rack is now in place.

West Side Park: Trees bordering the bike path have been trimmed – three or four have been vandalized with branches and/or tops broken off.

General Park Discussion:

- Banners and Flags were put out for Eyota Days
- Volleyball nets need brackets to keep the net from sagging. Mayor Clark talked with Melanie Monroe during Eyota Days who said that she had to turn down about 6 teams for the Eyota Days Volleyball Tourney, and the teams that played this weekend were very impressed with Eyota's sand volleyball courts. Park Board talked about getting the brackets and also an extra volleyball net for a future sand volleyball court. Hall will find out where Melanie bought the nets and see about purchasing hardware and another net.

Summer Movie Series: On the Park Survey Friday was the highest preferred day of the week to show the summer movie. Mayor Clark said the City Council approved the summer movies series to only be shown at West Side Park and not at the grain elevators down town due to the railroad tracks. Once the movie equipment is delivered, Clark will test the equipment and the goal is to show two movies before the start of school, 1 geared towards kids and one towards teens.

Summer Rec Update:

Summer recreation director update: Will have an end of year meeting with his staff to get a tentative schedule and plan for next year. He expressed concern in how many are signed up for the Valleyfair park rec trip on July 27th. Compliments from parents have been very positive throughout this whole season. There are around 500 participants for all the activities. In the discussion of the Summer Rec budget Scheevel covered a few points of reference: 1) in regards to staff hours next year, he doesn't plan on having all staff report for the first week to get acclimated to the job routine, so that will cut down on payroll 2) Equipment purchased this year will accommodate all the activities for the coming years, so that will not be a large expense next year 3) There was brief discussion about possibly sharing the swim bus with DE Elementary Sak program next year. The head count will be looked at for the swim bus this year for anticipation of what to do next year. Sexton mentioned Bloomington MN, Shoots & Ladder park would be a good WOW trip for 2017. End of Year Parent survey will go out in early August.

Tree Board Advisory: Hall reviewed the Freedom Park Ash Tree treatment that was just completed. Brad Boice got a third quote, for treating the 7 Freedom Park Ash trees, from Outdoor Services, which was \$266.00. This will have to be an annual treatment plan. Being that the cost was significantly less than the other two bids, the Park Board all expressed interest in having other Ash trees treated in West Side and Sunrise Parks. Since the City hasn't bought trees in a while we would have money to treat the trees that need it. Hall will ask Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor, what trees might need to be treated in West Side and Sunrise Parks or other parks in the city that has trees that might need to be looked at. It would be a good idea, since no new trees have been purchased in a few years, to have a replacement plan for the park trees. Hall was asked to talk to Iris Neumann and see if she would be interested in working on a tree replacement plan for the city, possibly for a small fee.

2016 Parks Survey Results: Hall will email a copy of the results to all Park Board members. The results were reviewed along with the many comments. 700 households are in Eyota. There were 254 responses, 204 were within city limits. City Council added the question "Would you support the investigation of a lake?" 56% Yes 43% No 244 responded to that question and the City Council will work on those responses. For the Pool 155 said yes = 62% Yes 24% No 13% Unsure. For the splash pad 57% Yes 28% No 15% unsure 154 answered. Going forward the Park Board needs to start getting information together on both options. The decision needs to be splash pad or pool and where would it go in Eyota. Parking and accessibility needs to be considered. If a local group wants to form to take over the investigation of a splash pad or pool that would be helpful. There is a meeting in Pine Island discussing splash pads, Park Board asked that Hall attend that meeting and report her findings at the next Park Board meeting.

Jackie Reiland Memorial Scoreboard Update: Investigation of installing a dugout has been started and one quote has been received from Tony Schwartz. Hall will email Kullot the contact information of who poured the cement at Summerfield basketball court so he can get another quote for the dugouts.

Other Business:

Grill Donation for Concession Stand: Nick Fink wanted to donate a grill to keep at the concession stand without the propane tank. Anyone who wants to use it would have to bring their own tank. Decision was to ask Public Works if it was ok with them to keep the grill, if so, to accept the donation. Hall will talk with Public Works to get their opinion.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Sexton to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Kathie Hall

Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary