

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2016**

**Present:** **Members:** Randy Sexton, Kevin Kullot, Jake Schleusner, Jacob Robinson  
**Council Rep:** Kurt Holst arrived at 7:13pm **Secretary:** Kathie Hall **Summer Rec Director:** Ryan Scheevel

**Absent:** **Member:** Dianne Schmidt **Council Rep:** Tyrel Clark

**Call to Order:** Chair, Schleusner, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Approve the Agenda:** Motion was made by Kullot and seconded by Sexton to approve the agenda with additions to Other Business: Concrete for skate rink and lights for West Side Park Trail, newest portion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve the Minutes:** Motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Kullot to approve the minutes of the July 18 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Summer Rec Update:**

**Director Report:** Director Scheevel reported that he had an end of year wrap up with his staff. They did an inventory count of all equipment and t-shirts and will be making a needs and wants list for next year.

**End of Year Survey:** A draft of the survey questions Scheevel wrote was passed out for the park board to review and give feedback on. Scheevel's plan is to get the survey out around August 15<sup>th</sup> and results back before Labor Day and to share the results at the next Park Board meeting. He will email parents and put the link to the survey on Facebook.

**Park / Maintenance:**

**Public Works Update:**

**Ice Rink:** Grass has been removed to get ready for the gravel this fall and before the ice is set for the skate rink.

**Trees:** A few had wind damage in West Side Park where upper branches were broken off, they have been trimmed and will hopefully fill in.

**Treatment for Ash Trees:** Outdoor Services have quoted \$264 for two Ash trees in Sunrise Park and ten Ash trees in West Side Park. This is an annual treatment done in the spring.

**Volleyball Nets:** Hall found where the nets were purchased from, VOLLEYBALLUSA.COM – looked at accessories for winches and there is a wide variety and is not sure what should be ordered.

**Grill Donation:** The City of Eyota has accepted the donation of the grill.

Splash Pad informational meeting: Hall reported that the meeting, held by the League of MN Cities, was informative and was a bit of a sales pitch being that the speaker was a vendor of a company that makes splash pads. Their system didn't have the re-circulation system which is more expensive to install, run and maintain. It would be geared towards age 12 & under and be handicapped accessible. Price of the average pad for installation was around \$200,000 for larger pads its \$300,000 – \$350,000.

Splash Pad or Pool? There was a large discussion of splash pad or pool, what location in Eyota should either one be located and what ages would end up using them. The Park Board will wait to see if the City Council approves the development of a lake based on a feasibility study. Dependent on the lake decision, the Park Board will decide if a pool or splash pad should be pursued. Hall was asked to call the cities of Goodhue, Appleton and Spring Grove, who are smaller towns similar to Eyota and have city pools, to see what the installation costs were, what operation costs are each year and how much money they might lose each year, just to get some idea of the cost of a pool for a small city.

Bush's Woodland Estate Park: Edging had been discussed in the spring in addition to getting the opinion of the residents in that neighborhood. Elaine Halverly has been maintaining flowers for the area and said the residents don't have any opinion of what to do with the park. Should money be spent for a park that the residents don't care about? How about finding out if they would rather have something else, such as a playground or pavilion? Holst suggested that a small survey be written for Bush Court to be handed out in person. He will talk with Elaine to see if she would like to be involved in that process and have the survey written, passed out and completed by the next park board meeting.

**Summer Movie Series:**

First Movie in the park show: Around 200 people showed up for the movie, 'Zootopia'. Peace Lutheran Church sold popcorn, about 40 gallons. The next movie will be 'Batman vs Superman', August 19th. Would like to try for a September movie showing and will need to think about the movie choices for the summer of 2017. The plan for next year would be for Park & Rec kids to run the equipment. Additional equipment is needed, such as a protective case for the video camera.

People's Co-op Grant: Hall reported that City of Eyota has been awarded the \$1,000 grant for the movies in the park. She will be submitting receipts so the city will get reimbursed for expenses incurred.

**Tree Board Advisory:** Hall talked with Iris Neumann, previous Park Board Secretary, and she said she would be willing to help with a plan for future trees around the city and parks.

**Jackie Reiland Memorial Scoreboard:** The Freedom Park Scoreboard was put up Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Chosen Valley will be doing the installation of electric in the near future. The hope is that the electric is installed by August 27<sup>th</sup> for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

**Other Business:**

Concrete for skate rink: Kullot has started the process of getting bids for concrete for the ice skate rink so there could be a basketball court for the summer and for Eyota Days 3 on 3 basketball event. Size would be around 80' x 160' and would like to know what kind of rebar and thickness of concrete so we could get bidding on the same requirements.

Lights for West Side Park New Part of trail: Sexton would like to look into getting more solar lights for the newer portion of the bike path, hopefully by fall. Hall will talk to Cathy Enerson about a possible grant for funding and where the lights were purchased from.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Sexton and seconded by Robinson to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

*Kathie Hall*

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Kathie Hall, Accounting Clerk, Park Board Secretary