

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2015**

**Members Present:** Kevin Kullot, Dianne Schmidt, Jacob Robinson, Jacob Schleusner, Mark Winkels and Deputy Clerk Nancy Eichman

**Members Absent:** Kurt Holst and Tony Nelson

**Call to Order:** Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Approve the Agenda:** There was a motion made by Kullot and seconded by Schleusner to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

**Approve the Minutes:** There was a motion made by Kullot and seconded by Schleusner to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015 meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

**Park/Maintenance:**

**Public Works Update:** Chair Robinson reported to the board an update from Public Works. At West Side Park the playground equipment that was repainted has been reinstalled. The wood around the playground equipment has been “fluffed” per recommendation of the League of Minnesota Cities Trust. The ball field bases have been installed. Work has begun to get the park restrooms open for the season. On the backside of the scoreboard at the south field at West Side, the frame is made and the sign is here. Public Works is in progress to have the sign mounted.

At Freedom Park the advertisement signs have been installed. There are some advertisers that have not yet paid for the 2015 season. Information on the water supply at Freedom Park is that the water supply line to the restrooms is not large enough to be able to install toilets similar to the ones in West Side Park. Freedom has a ¾” line and West Side Park has a 1” line. Installing a larger service line would be very difficult and very expensive.

At Sunset Square Park the Community Gardens compost bin has been emptied and moved to the north side of the gardens for easier clean out.

At Stars and Stripes Park on the flag pole the weight and cable roller guide was repaired. The caboose door bottoms are rotting and in need of repair. An Eyota resident, Vince McConnell is assisting in locating both materials and labor to repair them.

Update on Basketball Court and Horseshoe border for Summerfield Park:

Robinson will get the quotes for the concrete pad for a 60' x 40' court. The location of the court would be on the NE corner with two basketball hoops. Discussion from the board on the horseshoe border. The border could be made from 2' x 6' boards. No action taken.

Update on motion lights and bathroom toilets for Freedom Park:

After some discussion there was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Robinson to purchase three new toilets for the bathrooms at Freedom Park from Menards at approximately \$150-200. The board requested Public Works to ask if there are toilets that are without a removable tank lid.

Public Works updated a quote for motion lights from Chosen Valley Electric for \$500. The board was concerned that the quote was not detailed enough for the parts and labor. The Park Board would also like one or two more quotes. Suggestions for other electrician's quotes are: Don's Electric, Winkels Electric, Ryan Electric, Nietz Electric and Accord Electric. No action taken.

**Summer Recreation Program**

Registrations: Registrations are still coming in.

Swim Bus: Director Winkels reported that the two swim bus days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Update on SACC Program and Swim Bus: Winkels reported that the SACC school program did purchase their own swim bus tickets and did go on the same bus with the city's summer recreation program swim bus kids. Winkels did not get a response back from the principal.

Update on Summer Recreation Golf: Director Winkels reported to the board that St. Charles golf program is not available. After some research, Winkels reported to the board that the summer recreation program will offer a golf camp from the "First Tee Program" offered in Rochester. There will be an additional \$15 cost other than the city's participant fee. The class will provide the clubs, and a one year membership to the Hadley Golf Course in Rochester. Also, the program offers an expanded age group. This could increase the numbers of registrations to participant in our summer program. Winkels expressed that this camp would be the best experience for the kids.

**Review of 2015 Goals:** The Park Board discussed some immediate goals they would like completed in April and May: Power washing of the bleachers at all of the city parks; to inspect and fix the bleacher ends; to remove some Ash trees from Freedom Park and to chip and mulch and place around all the trees at Summerfield Park; and to replace the caboose doors at the Stars & Stripes Park.

**Any Other Business:** Kullot updated the board on the ball field drag. The board budgeted \$3,000 for a drag. Kullot reported that Brad Kullot, coach of the D-E Youth Baseball Program would like to donate money to purchase some attachments for the drag. The stipulation would be that the drag could be used a few times during the summer for the youth program. Kevin will get more details on the attachments and the prices and bring back to the board. There was discussion again to fix the lip on the ball field at Freedom Park. Due to the wet weather and ball season beginning soon, the board recommended to do this in the fall. No action taken on any of the topics.

Secretary Eichman reported to the board that the city has to date received seven advertising signs to be installed at Freedom Park. Also, there was a Community Gardens Committee meeting on Monday, April 6 at City Hall. The committee went over the rules and regulations for the gardeners for 2015. Eichman also reported that tonight was the Community Gardeners sign-up night to purchase garden plots.

**Adjourn:** There was a motion made by Winkels and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Nancy Eichman, Deputy Clerk, Park Board Sec.