

Leisure Services Commission Minutes
Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019 7:00pm
Civic Center Waverly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carver, Cashman, Johnson, Neuendorf, Pins, Solheim, Winter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
COUNCIL PRESENT: Birgen
STAFF PRESENT: Riordan
VISITORS: None

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: Chairperson Solheim called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion: To approve June 20, 2019 minutes as presented.

06-19 Moved: Cashman Seconded: Solheim
Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

Regular Business

1. Basketball Slab for Rolling Hills Park

Riordan reported that citizens from the neighborhood by Rolling Hills Park had approached staff to have a basketball slab poured in the park area. A basketball slab had been planned when the park was built in 2017 but due to washout issues it had been postponed and then forgotten. Since the slab was not budgeted in the 2019-2020 fiscal year it would need to be approved by council. The neighborhood would be in charge of raising the money for the purchase of a basketball hoop. The Commission thought it would be a good idea to see how many households are in the neighborhood to report to the Council.

Motion: To recommend to Council to approve the quote from Feldman Concrete for \$7,908.00 for construction of a basketball slab in Rolling Hills Park.

07-19 Moved: Carver Seconded: Cashman
Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

2. Ball Diamond Task Force

Riordan informed the Commission that a Ball Diamond Task Force has been formed that is tasked with determining the location of Youth Ball Diamonds in Waverly. Councilman Birgen explained that the task force came about because the Champions Ridge group had not continued to move forward and it was determined by the City Council that new Youth Ball Diamonds are needed. Riordan reported that the 2 main areas that the Task Force is currently exploring are the Champions Ridge location and the area North of the Soccer Complex. Solheim wondered if the Task Force and then the Council decide on the area North of the Soccer Complex if the Champions Ridge property could be sold to help pay for ball diamonds. Currently there are 6 ball diamonds in Waverly that are owned and maintained by the City. Riordan reported that preliminary drawings show 6-8 ball diamonds including a Miracle League Field at either of the new locations. Carver wondered how many times that many fields would be used. Riordan said that the older fields would probably be phased out over time after the new complex was built. The Commission as a whole favors the Area North of the Soccer Complex.

3. Wind Sculpture for Big 6

Riordan reported that Economic Development had been awarded a \$1,300.00 Grant for a wind sculpture to be placed at the Big Six. Some on the Commission asked if it needed to be placed in the

Big 6 or if it was possible to be put in another location. Riordan said that it is possible to place the wind sculpture in a different location, but the intent is for it to go in the Big 6. Cashman said she has a web page of different wind sculptures that she would forward to Riordan and he would pass along to rest of the Commission. It was also suggested that the Waverly Newspaper be contacted to do a news piece on the Big 6 park area because most people don't realize that it exists.

4. Walking Audit

Johnson commented that he liked what he read in the Walking Audit. Riordan stated that most of the things that were in the Walking Audit the City had either already implemented, have plans to do, or had been considered. Carver asked about parklets. Unfortunately, the main road through Waverly is a state highway and there are restrictions for what can be done in the right of way.

5. Possible Dog Park Improvements

Riordan reported that Public Services has some old cement culverts that they won't be able to use any longer, but would make a great addition to the dog park. The dogs will be able to run through them. They can also be used for training purposes. He also stated that the Parks staff is going to stop mowing the west part of the dog park to see what types of natural flowers appear in hopes of starting a prairie.

Director's Report:

- Riordan updated the Commission on the Prairie Park Prairie. Staff has mowed it a few times this year trying to get what they want there established. Overall staff is happy with the progress. Riordan provided some pictures of the Prairie.
- Updated on Exchange Building – Should be completed in the next few weeks.
- The last day for the pool being open to the public will be Saturday, Aug. 17. Dog Swim will be Aug. 18.
- The Dog Park Walking Path was completed at the end of June. Riordan showed drone pictures of the layout. The walking path was made possible because of a \$35,000 donation from Brian and Janadene Harvey.
- The Day of Caring will be Sept. 11. Volunteer groups will be sealing the bridges on the rail trail on this day. The trail will be closed from 7:00 am – 7:00 am on Sept. 12.

Chairperson Report:

- Neuendorf wondered about allowing golf carts on the trail for people who have mobility issues. Should they be required to have a flashing light or some sort of pass. Riordan will check to see what other Cities have done as time allows.

Reports and Communications:

- The Commission mentioned Woods River Rental in Waverly where people can rent kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and tubes.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 19, 2019

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Garret Riordan
Commission Secretary
Leisure Services Director