

Ball Diamond Task Force Minutes
Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 5:30 pm
Civic Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brittain, Heyer, Langner, K. Miller, T. Miller, Nus, Petersen
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Soash, Rathe
STAFF PRESENT: Bronner, Riordan
VISITORS: None

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chair, Langner.

Motion: To approve Oct. 7, 2019 agenda as presented.

17-19	Moved: K. Miller	Seconded: Petersen
Yes: 7	No: 0	Absent: 0

Motion: To approve Sept. 23, 2019 Minutes as presented.

18-19	Moved: T. Miller	Seconded: Petersen
Yes: 7	No: 0	Absent: 0

Regular Business.

1. Report to Council

For the report to Council on Oct. 28, Langner will use a previous report that he has been in the process of updating. Langner wondered if anyone was opposed to using this format.

Things to include in report:

- Recreation is priority
- Current Facilities aren't meeting the needs
- Safety Issues with current facilities
- Capacity of current diamond space
- 7 Diamonds 13 U on down
- Comparison to Champion's Ridge - Champion's Ridge did not have plans for a Miracle League Field. That concept was not for ALL youth.
- Hotels and eating places should stay the same regardless if the Ball Diamonds go North of the Soccer Complex or at Champion's Ridge
- Family oriented facility
- Inundation maps
- Overflow parking at Soccer Complex
- NE Iowa Community Foundation – Donations for Capital Campaign
- Ability to move forward by having youth Ball Diamonds at site by Soccer Complex

Has anyone talked to the Soccer Association about using their lots for overflow parking?

Mayor Soash commented that he would like to see the Task Force remain intact for at least another 6 months and possibly until the project is done.

2. Site Plan Details – Vertical Structures, what do we need?
 - Fences
 - Netting – Possibly backstop and protective netting for foul balls
 - 3 spots marked for bases
 - Press Boxes (may be changed to straight storage)
 - Equipment Storage Shed(s)
 - Scoreboards – Electronic preferred over manual
 - Covered Dugouts
 - Inclusive Playground
 - Restrooms
 - Concession Stand
 - Bleachers (1 or 2 sets?) One set would be behind backstop. Two sets would be offset from the backstop. The Commission felt that one set behind the backstop would not be beneficial to the home plate umpire.
 - Playing Surface – (Dirt, Grass, or Artificial Turf) K. Miller asked how many places that teams play have artificial turf?

3. Capital Campaign

Nus asked about a list of Service Clubs in Waverly. Riordan handed out a list. There may be others.

The City has an account set up with Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa that can be used as a place to hold donations associated with the Ball Diamond Project.

Staff Report:

Chair Report:

Reports and Communications:

Next Meeting:

Oct. 21, 2019 5:30 PM Civic Center

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Heyer

Seconded: Nus

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Garret Riordan
Commission Secretary
Leisure Services Director