

**Ball Diamond Task Force Minutes**  
**Monday, Nov. 25, 2019 5:30 pm**  
**Civic Center**

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

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Langner.

Motion: To approve Nov. 25, 2019 agenda as presented.

23-19	Moved: Petersen	Seconded: T. Miller
Yes: 6	No: 0	Absent: 1

Motion: To approve Oct. 21, 2019 Minutes as presented.

24-19	Moved: T. Miller	Seconded: Heyer
Yes: 6	No: 0	Absent: 1

**Regular Business.**

1. Meeting Times

After some discussion it was decided to not have any meetings in December as there wasn't much that could be done until the firm was approved by Council on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Going forward the Ball Diamond Task Force plans to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month or on an as needed basis.

2. Fundraising

Discussion began as to what the group believes is needed and what are wants. Brittain stated that he believes that we need to fundraise for what we need. If we need netting, go with netting. We shouldn't put minimum and maximum figures together or we won't reach that goal. Discussion led to the City doing everything in the ground with the fund raising going towards vertical infrastructure. The task force will look at getting a list of businesses from the Chamber. There was also a discussion about compiling a list of possible grants to apply for and the dates that they are due.

**Staff Report:** Riordan updated the Task Force on the Engineer selection process. The panel has decided to recommend to Council to approve Hall & Hall Engineers of Hiawatha, IA as the Civil Engineer. The recommendation will go to Council on Dec. 16. Due to the availability of contractors because most are behind on work from the previous year construction would look to begin at the beginning of Summer 2020. Hall & Hall was chosen after City staff, members of the Task Force, and Rathe of the City Council had read through proposals and invited 3 firms in for presentations to the group. The general consensus during the presentations was that Hall & Hall gave us the most realistic timeline and their previous projects resembled what we are hoping to do. Brittain commented that he was familiar with their work and they have done Miracle League Fields and he liked that in 2 or 3 examples of projects that they came in under budget. Rathe asked what the next steps would be. Bronner said that after approval of the firm, they'll need to work on getting us a budget number before or by mid January when budget meetings start. They'll work with Modern Design who will be doing the vertical infrastructure to come up with a design concept. Bronner

mentioned that all of the proposals that the group had looked at had soccer fields right next to the ball diamonds. That seems to be what communities are doing.

**Chair Report:** Langner reported that he had presented to business leaders to speak about the ball diamonds. Langner has also spoken with some possible donors.

**Reports and Communications:** Brittain spoke at Kiwanis and mentioned the ball diamonds and some possible fundraising efforts.

**Next Meeting:**

Jan. 20, 2020 5:30 PM Civic Center

**Adjournment:**

Motion: To Adjourn

25-19

Yes: 6

Moved: Brittain

No: 0

Seconded: Heyer

Absent: 1

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Garret Riordan  
Commission Secretary  
Leisure Services Director