

MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING PURPOSE: PRC Board Meeting

MEETING DATE
AND LOCATION: November 14, 2012
Community Center



ATTENDEES: PRC Board Members:

Tom Iverson, Rachel Cox, Rick DeVore, Darwin George,
Catherine Grott, Mark Wahl, Margy Bonner

PRPL Staff Members:

Mike Whitaker, Director
Jon Thompson, Park Superintendent
Mark Jarvis, Park Planner
Kory Thomson, Recreation Supervisor

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Iverson called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

A. INTRODUCTIONS

John Lee, Shane Coleman, Grant Mornson, Jeff Gruizenga, Bill Enright and Brian Milne of Interstate Engineering, Jeff Wilson, Henry LaFever, Jeff Rice, of Exchange City Golf Corporation/Par3 and Patrick Scott

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the October 10, 2012 minutes. Board member Rick DeVore moved that they be approved. Board member Darwin George seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

B. DIRECTORS REPORT – Mike Whitaker

Mr. Whitaker encouraged the board to go to the PRPL website for updates on current projects and the City-wide Park District.

C. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

A. Par3 Budget and Agreement:

Jeff Rice of the Exchange City Golf Corporation gave an overview on the Par3 2013 budget.

Mr. Rice said they have several projects planned this next year which include re-roofing the sheds and irrigation repairs to pipes that run along Central down to the golf course. Mr. Rice said plans are to split the costs for the repairs with Par3,

Parks and Cemetery due to all three sharing water costs.

Mr. Whitaker asked if there were plans to raise fees again this next year. Mr. Rice said yes, fees will increase in green fees and range balls. He said Par3 golf course is still considered cheaper than most national and local golf courses. Mr. Rice said they are also adding new this year range ball and golf round punch cards.

Chairman Iverson asked for approval of the presented 2013 Par3 budget. ***Board member Margy Bonner made a motion to approve. A second was presented. On a voice vote, all were in favor and motion passed.***

The board was handed out the Exchange City Golf Corporation Par3 management agreement for review and approval. The agreement is term limited to every three years. It will be up for review in December 2015. Chairman Iverson asked for approval of the agreement. ***Board member Margy Bonner made motion to approve the Exchange City Golf Corporation Par3 management agreement. Board member Rachel Cox seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor and motion passed.***

B. Rose Pool Waterslides:

Interstate Engineering's Brian Milne presented concepts for the Rose Park waterslides. The current slide was built in 1993. It is 21feet high tower and has 2 open serpentine flumes. Mr. Milne presented four possible options/bids.

Option/Bid #1:

Re-use existing tower and add two new serpentine flumes. Cost \$245,000
Add a 10 foot tower extension and 3rd flume/ speed slide. Cost \$180,000
Total of option #1 with all three flumes \$371,500

Option/Bid #2:

New 21 foot tower, one serpentine flume and one speed slide. Cost \$309,500
Additional 10 foot tower platform and 3rd flume, cost \$180,500
Total cost of option #2 \$490,000

Option/Bid #3:

New 30 foot tower, 1 flume, cost \$323,500
Add 2nd flume, cost \$143,500
Total cost of option #3 \$458,000

Option/Bid #4:

New 30 foot tower and 2 serpentine fumes, cost \$540,000
Add a speed slide \$145,000
Total cost of option #4 \$685,500

After a great deal of discussion between Interstate Engineering and staff, it was decided the best option was option one since the existing tower is in good shape and it falls within budget. It was also discussed to bid the 3rd slide as an alternative and possibly do fundraising to purchase it.

Time frame for doing the waterslide: start with the fabrication in February 2013; have the work completed by May 2013.

A motion was made by Board member Rachel Cox to accept bid option #1 and also include the additional third slide. Board member Darwin George seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Billings Amateur Hockey League's Arena Project Update:

The Billings Amateur Hockey League has a lease with the City of Billings for a portion of land at Centennial Park to build an ice hockey rink. Mr. Whitaker asked for the league to come and give an update to the board on where they are at with that project.

Shane Coleman on behalf of the Billings Amateur Hockey League said they are currently looking at whether they are financially able to build an ice hockey rink or do repairs to the current rink at Centennial Ice Arena.

Mr. Whitaker asked when they would have a better idea as to when that would be. Mr. Coleman said hopefully in the next few months to a year.

Ms. Bonner brought up the concern that the lease agreement between them and the city is expired. Mr. Whitaker said he is talking with Brent Brooks from the city's Legal Department regarding that and should have an answer soon.

D. Department Land Request Policy:

Mr. DeVore suggested for the staff and board to look into creating a policy for groups asking for land. He felt there needs to be a process in place that a group has to go through to secure park land. It was suggested that this should be looked at and further discussed and an upcoming board meeting.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sale of Park Land Sub-Committee:

Ms. Bonner said the committee is continuing to meet. She believes they will be moving forward on Wilson Park soon. It is a fifteen acre park located near the sugar beet factory. Plans are to get a surveyor out to survey five acres of land that the Parks department wants to keep. The remaining 10 acres will need to be re-platted and then put into the marketing process.

She said the committee is also looking strongly at Lampman Park for either possible sale or future development. Plans are to meet with area neighbors sometime during the first part of next year to hear their feedback on what they want done with the land.

B. Park Maintenance Districts:

Mr. DeVore said at the last Park Maintenance Sub-Committee meeting, council decided to leave the PMD's exactly as they are.

The Park Maintenance District Sub-Committee has dissolved.

C. Information Sub-Committee:

Board member Kathy Grott said KTVQ recently did a piece on the recent PRPL awards. Mike was interviewed for that piece. She said KTVQ is also very interested in the waterslides and would like to be kept in touch regarding the project.

D. Rocketry Site Request:

Several months ago, Mr. Henry LaFever from the Rocketry Association, brought to the board a request to shoot model rockets in an approved section of Amend Park. Mr. Whitaker said it has been determined that the department can designate an area within a park for model rocketry. He said they have spoken with the Amend Maintenance group regarding the request and they have decided to allow a section of Amend be used for rocketry.

Mr. Whitaker made a recommendation for the board to approve Amend Park as site for rocketry. *Board member Rick DeVore made a motion to approve a section of Amend Park for Model Rocketry. Board member Darwin George seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor except for Board member Margy Bonner.*

The Rocketry Association will schedule with the Amend Maintenance group as to when they can and will use the park.

E. Legion Baseball Proposal:

Mr. Whitaker said Jeff Ballard was here at the last meeting to present a proposal to build an indoor training facility for baseball at Stewart Park. He said since that presentation there have been several meetings with Mr. Ballard, Legal Department Brent Brooks, City Administrator Tina Volek and myself on legal issues regarding the building. Plans are to have him come back in December to discuss his proposal further and all the legal aspects of doing this project.

F. ACTION ITEMS

- A request was made at the October meeting to have Chuck Barthuly from the Better Billings Foundation give an update on the Oasis water park.

G. DIVISION REPORTS

A. Recreation Division-Recreation Supervisor Kory Thomson:

Recreation Superintendent Joe Fedin written report was handed out at the meeting. PRPL Supervisor Kory Thomson gave additional information regarding upcoming recreation programs, marketing for the department and repairs to the North Park recreation center.

B. Park Division-Park Superintendent Jon Thompson:

Park Superintendent Jon Thompson written report was handed out at the meeting.

C. Park Planning Division-Park Planner Mark Jarvis:

Park Planner Mark Jarvis printed report was included in the board packet.

D. Cemetery Division-Cemetery Manager Lee Stadtmiller:

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I. ADJOURNMENT

1:35 pm