



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Sharon Bohenkemper
Ben Brinkman

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. We read over the meeting minutes. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Natalie seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

18th Street Park

Matt sent an RFP out about the resurface of the playground area and asked for a quote back by the end of March. He sent it to 4 companies and has heard back from 3. Kinetic said they want to look at 18th and 5th street at the same time. Maybe within the next couple of weeks. The playground area looks like it delaminated. Matt said they need to do all of the labor and the company agreed.

The bench around the horseshow pit has been repaired. Tom bought lumber for horse show boards and will start working on those in May.

Pickleball doesn't have the nets out yet; we will get them out soon.

Tom sprayed the dirt on ball fields and volleyball courts.

Fifth Street Park

Brett Schipp is going to meet with Jeff Durlauf on March 14 to discuss little league building.

Dead bolts were put on the door locks.

There is a group that wants to use the soccer fields on Sundays to have friendly games. Adam Werne is supposed to let Mike know when soccer starts.

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Old Town Lake

The invasive species work day will take place November 4 or 11.

Three pet waste containers have been installed.

Other News

Ben Brinkman was in attendance and made an offer to purchase the surplused Kubota for the water / waste water plant. The water / waste water department would like to purchase it for \$4500.00. Tom said he would accept this offer. Matt made a motion to sell the Kubota from the Park Board to the Department for \$4,500.00. Jill seconded and all were in favor.

Ben brought up the non-potable issue and stated that the permit was extended and all should be good to go for the sprinkler system.

Jill is going to call Bushkoetter's about ordering more trees and will ask for a few options. The Olinger donation was about \$300 so will cover the cost of the new trees. The other trees that were just planted are looking good. The trees by the school corporation are not looking good. Family Roots is also an option. Mike said he has been impressed with them.

Matt said that Jacob Keller asked about his Eagle Scout project and what we could/would provide. Jacob needs to give us quantities of what he needs so we can work with him on this project.

No word from the Mobel Foundation so we will table this until we hear from the.

People are using the ball fields as dog parks but so far there has been no report of waste. We do have signs posted for people to clean up after their dogs. Other communities have dog parks; how do they keep them clean?

Since baseball/softball season is starting we need to put a reminder out there for people to keep their dogs off of the fields.

Tom says we are good on summer help. The bathrooms will be opened the week of February 13.

The heartland ½ marathon route was approved. It will be September 16th and we will have to close the old town lake as it's part of the course. We need to limit traffic until noon. We will need to run a notice in the paper asking the public to stay away.

Jerry Wehr with St. Patrick's Road Rally asked if they could use the park as a check point on Mach 18th from 11:30-2:30. We stated that this was fine.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jill seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm. The next meeting is April 12, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

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Minutes submitted on 4 April 2023

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