

**CITY OF MAYER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MARCH 10, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those present were Park Commissioners, Mike Wegner, Nikki McNeilly and Melissa Gomes. Margaret McCallum, City Administrator

Absent: Troy Congdon, Brian Schaeppi

Also present: Joe Dvorak, Mayer Lions Club.

2. Approve Agenda

McCallum added Mayer Lions Club to the agenda.

Gomes moved to approve the agenda with addition of Mayer Lions Club. McNeilly Seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Minutes

February 18, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Gomes moved to approve the Park and Recreation Commission Minutes for February 18, 2020. McNeilly seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Business

A. Lions Club (Added)

McCallum introduced Joe Dvorak from the Mayer Lions Club to the Commission.

Dvorak informed that he is the president of the Mayer Lions Club which is an international organization. He explained that the local Mayer Lions Club's goal is to raise money for the community to better the community. He stated that besides raising money, the organization does service projects around the community as well. Dvorak said that they raise money through different methods including bingo night, pancake breakfasts, etc.

Dvorak asked the Commission if they would be interested in a partnership for Old School House Park and changing the name of the park to Lions Park.

Dvorak explained that the Lions would do maintenance work and help raise funds for other projects.

The Commission agreed that a partnership would be beneficial and that considering a name change would be something that could be considered.

McNeilly stated that the Commission and the Club would have to work together to agree on a long term vision for the park.

Dvorak agreed to take it back to the Lions Club for more discussion.

B. 5K – Mayer Rising Community Festival

McCallum asked if the Park Commission would be interested in hosting a 5K as part of the Mayer Rising Community Festival.

The Commission discussed historical attempts at hosting a 5K and found them to be unsuccessful. They agreed to not host a 5K at this time as part of Mayer Rising Community Festival.

C. Discovery Park – Basketball Court/Gazebo/Picnic Tables

The Commission discussed additional projects for 2020 including a half basketball court at Discovery Park.

The Commission asked staff to get bids for the project.

The Commission agreed to focus on the basketball court this year and the gazebo at Discovery Park a different year.

D. Discovery Park Playground – Turf

The Commission discussed adding sections of turf as part of the Discovery Park Playground equipment replacement project.

The cost of the turf would be \$11,304.64.

The Commission decided against adding the turf.

E. Ninja Course

The Commission discussed the idea of adding a ninja course into one of the parks as it is a popular amenity throughout the region.

The Commission agreed that they would keep it in mind when planning future projects, nonetheless, did not think it was feasible to do at this time.

F. Adopt a Park Application

McCallum provided the Park Commission with the application information for the Adopt A Park program.

The following parks were adopted:

Old School House Park – Security Banks and Trust Co.

Meadow Park – The Sliwa Family

West Ridge Park – Sellners

McCallum informed that the program is a two year commitment where the volunteers to clean up events twice a year. The City purchases signs with their names on it acknowledging their commitment.

The Commission suggested asking the Car Club to adopt Bluejay Park.

5. Staff Updates

A. Ice Skating Rink – Closed

McCallum informed that the ice rink is now closed due to the warm weather and the inability to maintain ice.

B. Discovery Park Play Equipment – Concept Plan Review and Approval.

McCallum informed that the City Council approved the purchase of the Discovery Park Play Equipment.

C. 2020 Goals and Long Term Plan

McCallum stated that the Long Term Plan was updated according to the discussion of the Park Commission at their February 18, 2020 meeting. She said that the Plan was presented to Council at their March 9, 2020 meeting.

D. Baseball Batting Cage

McCallum informed that public works has purchased the equipment and will be doing site preparation and installation as soon as they are able.

E. Compost Site

McCallum stated that at the March 9, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council was open to reorganization of the compost site to allow for an archery range.

F. Archery Range and Dog Park

McCallum informed that the compost site was a possible site for an Archery Range. The Commission continues to discuss these items.

6. Commissioner Reports/Comments

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..



Memorandum

Item: Staff Updates

Meeting Date: May 12, 2020

Presented By: Margaret McCallum, City Administrator

Details:

Adopt A Trail – Luce Line – Schedule Day – Update

Twice a year the Park Commission schedules a time to clean the adopted section of the Luce Line trail. Generally it is done in the spring and the fall. At this time, I think it makes sense to hold off on the cleaning of the trail until we can see what State Orders are related to COVID-19. I will bring this back at the June meeting.

Discovery Park Play Equipment – Update

The installation has been completed.

Baseball Batting Cage – Old School House Park -

The Public Works Department has purchased the equipment. They have not installed it yet because of COVID-19. Again. Going to reassess after May 18, 2020. Staff is planning to get this up as soon as the State At Home Order is complete.

Archery Range and Dog Park -

These are still priorities of the Park Commission. Experiencing some planning delays due to COVID-19.

Gaga Pit – West Ridge Park -

Similar to the batting cage. Staff has purchased the equipment. It has not been installed yet due to COVID-19. Staff is going to reassess after May 18, 2020.

2020 Goals and Long Term Plan –

The Park Commission Long Term Plan was updated according to the discussion at the February 18, 2020 meeting. The Long Term Plan was presented to the Council at the March 9, 2020 meeting. A reminder that this is a working document which means priorities can change and it can be updated at any time. We are going to reassess this more in depth in June when we can hopefully meet in person again.

Discovery Park – Basketball Court

Staff has been looking at the entire cost for a basketball court at Discovery Park. We have received quotes for baskets. We are still getting quotes on the court itself.

Skate Park

The Public Works Department has removed some of the equipment from the skate park due to wear and tear. We are looking at quotes to replace that equipment and then looking for additional quotes for a “phase 2” or new equipment. Once we get those quotes, the Park Commission can determine if this is a 2020 or 2021 project from Phase 2. We do want to get the replacement equipment in in 2020 nonetheless.

I am still working on grants to cover a portion of the cost of the new equipment.

Attachments:

None.