

Park Board
March 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Al Vorderbrueggen, Don Moore, Blaine Golden, Hillary Hoffman and Al Kirkpatrick: Present. Don McClintock: Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Moore, seconded by Hoffman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Pool:

The pool project could get under way this year. The city will put out a call for bids and hope to begin construction this summer. This would mean the pool would be closed for this season.

Mayor Retzer was able to obtain \$1,000,000 Capital line item on the State Budget for the project and the city also received an RCO Grant for \$350,000. The project will include adding a liner, repairing pipes, upgrade bath house and add an ADA restroom. We will be \$750,000 short on the project. The city plans to also apply for .09 Funds, fundraise and possibly take a loan from the water department to help with the shortfall. To do the project in the off season it would be an extra \$1,000,000, a cover would need to be built to protect it from the elements. The plan is to go out to bid ASAP. Lyle Smith from WMS is saving a spot for us to complete our project this year.

After this first phase we will promote a splash pad.

\$10,000 was raised last summer from the CDA fundraiser at the pool.

Allie Cofer from the CDA would like to promote fundraising through flyers, banners, educational promotion and social media with a link to donate.

Skate Park:

Chamber President Gary Young introduced himself stating the Chamber has an all new board. They are trying to get several groups to come together for the betterment of Colfax: Knights of Columbus, VFW, Arts Council, CDA, Eagles, Chamber, PTO and the Thrifty Grandmother's.

One project he would like the group to work on is repairing the Skate Park.

Mathis stated she has been keeping an eye out for grants to repair the Skate Park.

Golden interjected Tony Hawk has grants available as well as Grindline.

Young stated the next Chamber meeting will be April 9th at noon. They will also hold a mixer at the Center May 11th for local clubs to come share what they are up to.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kirkpatrick reported the Rotary Club has done \$15,000 of upgrades and repairs to the Little League Park.

Crews are digging ditches at McDonald Park.

New score board was put in at the McDonald Park Softball Field.

Kirkpatrick will start spraying for weeds and putting down field conditioner as weather allows.

The Cellar is interested in running the concessions at McDonald Park.

Eells Park Fountain will be re-sealed with a UV protection before turned on for season.

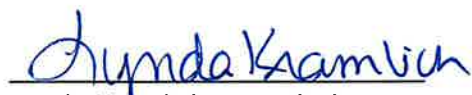
Golden reported the Greenway Project is slow progress. There have been several meetings. There is a study at the state level right now that should be completed by December 2026. The citizen committee will do a feasibility study with an Innovia Grant.

Hoffman thanked the city crews for filling in the cracks on the trails and trimming the trees.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Next meeting will be April 15th at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk