

Park Board
April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Comp Plan:

Park Steve Larkin stated we touched on the Comp Plan last meeting and asked if anyone had any thoughts.

Hoffman asked about the failing retaining wall at Hamilton Park.

Hammer reported for now there is no update, at this point to fix it we would be putting money into a park that doesn't belong to the city. Hammer also marked the retaining wall to verify if there is any movement and there has not been any movement so far.

Vorderbrueggen asked if there has been any mention of the Colfax to Albion Trail. Larkin believes it was mentioned in the comp plan.

Moore asked about park restrooms. Hammer stated without totally redoing there is not a lot that can be done at this point.

Larkin stated he should have bathrooms opened up the end of April or first of May.

Vorderbrueggen interjected Spokane opens their restrooms the 1st weekend in May as well.

Suggestions for the Park Comp Plan:

Park Street to Hauser Addition trail

Pool Rehab

Building at McDonald Park to house batting cages

The general consensus is to get trail options for folks. Cities are finding that trails into small towns are very beneficial for the small towns.

Vorderbrueggen stated he and Todd Vanek met with the Pullman Civic Group regarding the trail between Colfax and Pullman. The pushback will be from some of the land owners who do not want a trail in their backyard.

Mayor Jim Retzer and Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson wrote a letter to the legislatures and representatives regarding the trail. Mary Dye acknowledged and is happy the two mayors are in support of a trail.

Pool Update:

Larkin reported the city received a \$75,000 grant to for the mechanical room update at the pool. The electrical will be replaced with this grant and valve replacement work will begin April 21st.

Friends of the Parks:

Jill Cocking reported the Allison's will be moving to Moscow, the Friends of the Parks will be regrouping a bit with the loss of Kerensa Allison as a member. The Friends of the Parks are interested in doing more fundraising and would like input from the Park Board as to what their efforts should go for.

Fun Run

Uniform signage for the parks

Ropes course for McDonald Park

Raise money to put towards indoor year round multi-functional building at McDonald Park

Frisbee Golf

Dog Park

Hammer doesn't think citizens would donate or get as involved in fundraising as much if it was for park signage.

Vorderbrueggen stated local businesses could get involved with Frisbee Golf by donating or the selling equipment.

Vorderbrueggen suggested he and Golden could meet with the Friends of the Parks and go over ideas.

Larkin interjected there are grants for disc golf, he can get together with Cocking to discuss those possibilities.

Pool Update:

Larkin stated school is out June 10th and the pool will open. Matthew Scholz is still around and will do the necessary training for our lifeguards to get them trained and ready for the season.

The fee schedule will be the same as the year before.

Golden tried to convince council to do another free year, but for budgeting the council would like to build up the reserves.

Hammer prefers to keep the fees. It would be a good idea if we can go for a grant the city will have to come up with a match so having that in reserves is a good idea to keep them.

Next meeting will be June 7th.

Agenda items will be:

Pool Update

Comp Plan

Grant Discussion

OTHER:

The McClintock Family picked a new sign design for the newly renamed Stan and Lynne McClintock Lookout Park. The colors are Blue and Gold that tie in nicely with the school colors. Vorderbrueggen suggested colors can be different for each park sign, if they include the city logo and the same lettering that will create a nice and uniform look.

Each park sign will be \$150 so about \$1500 for all the parks to have new signs.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Lynda Kramlich
Lynda Kramlich, Secretary