

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

May 2, 2016

Meeting called to order approximately 7:05PM

Meeting Place: Rivercrest Park

Present: Student Representative -Ben Krautheim, Tom St. Meyers, Jessica Kemp, Chris Patrick, John Stout, Superintendent of Parks -Greg Kuhr, Student Representative-Meghan Grycza, Councilman -Rick Rettig, Aaron Findling, Daniel Walton, Elizabeth Laurer and Rick Gilts

Guest: Judy Hagen

Absent: Dave Goins, Brenda Irwin, Paulette Huber-Mills,

Meeting called to order by Ben Krautheim.

PRAC members report on their assigned parks:

Ben Krautheim reported on Rotary Park: Trash on tennis courts.

Chris Patrick reporting on Bicentennial Park: N/E section on park is swamp like. The basketball net needs to be replaced. Greg Kuhr reported that a new oak tree had been planted.

Tom St. Meyers reporting on Municipal Park: Meyer Field dugouts repaired. The lights are out on the Recreation Building northeast side.

Rick Gilts reporting on Rivercrest Park: Heavy use, park in good condition. John Stout mentioned he received a complaint about the lights at Rivercrest ball field were on at 10:13 PM Sunday, May 1st

Meghan Grycza reporting on Hood park: In good condition.

John Stout reporting on Three Meadows Park: Shelter house damaged corner, downspout damaged near restrooms. Sidewalks need repair.

Aaron Findling reporting on Riverside Park: Trash along the shoreline.

Jessica Kemp reporting on Orleans Park: Graffiti along the River walk.

Judy Hagen, Department of Public Service addressed our committee on several initiatives that are in the works.

- The park benches currently at Riverside Park will be removed repaired and relocated to Woodland Park
- Sunshades will be installed on the north side of the pool and also at the tennis courts at Rotary Park. Thanks to a grant from the Wood County Park District.
- Community Recreation Incorporated is donating \$3800 to upgrade the concrete at Fort Imagination
- Judy presented the "Bicentennial Tree Project" an initiative to install a total of two hundred trees in honor of the City Bicentennial. One hundred of the trees will be planted at a new street tree arboretum at the Department of Public Service Building along with the City Street Tree

plantings. Another one hundred trees to be planted at Woodland Park along the walking path following a plan developed by Stephanie Miller, our ODNR Urban Forester. Judy will be seeking public contributions to cover the cost of the trees planned for Woodland Park. Each tree is \$280 which includes planting and a one year guarantee. Judy distributed the Bicentennial Tree Project plan which includes an order form representing the tree species available and the area they will be planted.

- The Bicentennial tree dedication will be celebrated on “Make a Difference Day” October 27, 2016.

Summary of open discussion: Councilman Rettig reported on the status of the Multi use path plan. Bridget Kabat and Brodie Walters will develop plans which may include “Safe Routes to Schools” grant(?).

Also the Recreation Committee is working on proposal to create no smoking regulations at our parks. Councilman Matuszak has indicated he expects there to be penalties for violations. Police Division is also being consulted.

2016 Park Assignments:

Woodland Park– Brenda Irwin

Rotary Park- Ben Krautheim

Orleans Park- Jessica Kemp

Municipal Park- Tom St Meyers

Rivercrest Park- Rick Gilts

Three Meadows Park John Stout

Eisenhower Park- Dave Goins

Riverside Park- Paulette Huber Mills

Bicentennial Park- Chris Patrick

Hood Park-Elizabeth Laurer

Davis Overlook- Daniel Walton

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 PM

Remaining : PRAC meetings scheduled for 2016

All meetings at 7PM:

June 6, @Municipal Park,

July 11,@ Eisenhower Park,

August 1, @Woodland Park,

September 12,@ Three Meadows Park,

October 3,@ Bicentennial Park,
November 7,@ Service Building

NEXT MEETING June 6, 2016 @ Muncipal Park 7PM

*** If you have any additions or corrections to these minutes, please let me know.

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