

RECREATION COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak, and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Kitty Gibson, 29639 Duxbury, asked the Committee if there was any further interest in new carriages for the cannons at Riverside Park. She provided the Committee with a second quote for the work. She added that she spoke with Steve Taylor and he said that he'd be happy to help with some of the funding. Mr. Smith suggested that this be put on next month's Committee agenda.

SPLASH PAD

Ms. Born said that Rotary Park and Rivercrest Park have been discussed as possible locations for a splash pad. She said that PRAC is very much in favor of it. She said that she did some research and there are various types of splash pads. PRAC is recommending one that could be used by everyone, not just small children. Mr. Smith said he is not against the idea, and suggested that a nominal amount be placed in the budget to get a plan in place. Mr. Matuszak said that the pool already operates at a loss, and he wondered if a splash pad would steal people away from the pool. Ms. Kabat said that there were previous conversations in 2008 about a proposed splash pad for Rotary Park, but that location now has a rain garden. Mr. Matuszak said that money could be put in the budget to find out the cost, and then it could be put in the amended budget. The Committee agreed 3-0 to put \$20,000 in the budget to find out the cost of installing and operating a splash pad.

ROTARY PARK PAVILION

Mr. Smith said that the Rotary is willing to make a contribution to put in a pavilion and restrooms at Rotary Park. He said that they would prepare the plans, and he asked if it should be put in the budget. Ms. Kabat said that since they are just gathering information at this point, it could be put in the amended budget. Mr. Smith asked if the Rotary should contact Ms. Kabat. Ms. Kabat said that is a good idea, and she will pull in the City Engineer who oversees larger projects in the City.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the budgets for parks and playgrounds, pool and pond, and the recreation program. There is \$80,000 included for parking lots at Bicentennial and Woodlands Parks. Ms. Born said that the lacrosse people are the ones that requested more parking at those parks, but they now say it is not needed so it can be removed from the budget. Ms. Kabat said that PABSC, PYSA and lacrosse asked for the parking. She said that Mr. Eckel has reached out to all of the organizations asking them to put their request in writing. Mr. Smith said that he would prefer waiting to hear back from these entities before removing it from the budget. He added that he has heard a lot of complaints

about a lack of parking at Woodlands. Mr. Matuszak asked that the quote for the flagpole at Hood Park be sent to the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked that the 2008 plan for Rotary Park be sent to the committee members. He suggested that a ten year plan for parks be completed. Mr. Matuszak said that he would prefer it was done internally so there is no cost.

Ms. Born said that the Code language regarding PRAC meetings is in conflict with what actually occurs. She said that they have meetings March through November and that is what they would like the Code to reflect. Mr. Smith said that it is in Section 280.05.

Mrs. Born said that Lisa Condon may be a possible applicant for PRAC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Born, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.