

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Notes
Monday, April 1, 2024 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Erika Saunders called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members present: Erika Saunders, Doug Smith, Jay Larsen, Nathaniel Condelli, Stacy Zerfas, Erin Benz, Cade Christianson, Brenda Andersen. Board Members absent: Steven Berseth. City of Brookings Staff Present: Park, Recreation and Forestry Director Kristin Zimmerman, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation and Forestry Joshua Bauman, Golf Course Superintendent Greg Redenius and Park, Recreation and Forestry Office Manager Ashley Johnson.

2. Approval of Agenda

Doug Smith motions to approve April 1st, 2024 agenda. Nathaniel Condelli 2nds motion; Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

Nathaniel Condelli motions to approve March 2024 Minutes. Cade Christianson 2nds motion; Motion Carried.

4. Call to the Public

Members of the public attended the meeting to ask questions and voice concerns regarding tree removal. There are a large number of trees being removed from around the dog park on 7th Ave and 15th Street S, near McClemons park. There was also a question regarding some trees being removed near the Newman Center on SDSU Campus. Josh Bauman stated that the tree removal on campus wouldn't be a city project but said he would double check. As far as the tree removal by the dog park it was noted that they had to go into the shelterbelt to remove 3 larger trees that were down, so they decided to go a head and take care of the Ash trees that were also located in that area. Citizens are concerned that the shelterbelt will be totally demolished. Josh assured them that the Forestry Department will be planting other trees in the fall to make up for trees that were removed. He explained that they will have to continue to monitor trees for diseases but they would be in contact with property owners when it came to the removal of trees that are closer to property lines. Josh reiterates that when taking trees out the Forestry Department likes to make sure that trees are replanted in the fall. Kristin also assured the citizens that in the future we will try to be more open with communication regarding tree removal.

5. Discussion & Possible Action: Disc Golf Tournament

Disc Golf Tournament is set to happen June 9th at Larson Park. This is an annual event and typically they have 90 participants, they will do all of the set up and tear down. Nothing has really changed since the previous years. This is being put on by the Disc Golf League. It is a growing group. Doug Smith motions to approve, Cade Christianson 2nds the motion; Motion is carried.

6. Discussion & Possible Action: Camaro Fun Days

Car show on August 10th at Pioneer Park. They expect about 400 people for attendance. They will only drive through the park and will be getting their parade permits through the city. They have been doing this for a number of years. Doug Smith Motions to approve, Brenda Andersen 2nds; Motion is carried.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Arbor Day 5K

Arbor Day 5K is a program that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry partners with the Prairie Striders Club. This will be held April 26th at Dakota Nature Park. Its an annual event that they usually have about 80 to 100 participants. When the participant finishes the 5K they will receive a tree. The tree this year will be a Red Oak. Jay Larsen motions to approve, Brenda Andersen 2nds; motion carried.

8. Brookings Inclusive Play Project

This would be a large destination playground. It will include a large destination playground; we are looking at around 12000 sq. ft. space This will include a splashpad, restrooms and Mini-Pitch (futsal court). With the Mini-Pitch we would be able to flood it in the winter and have an ice-skating rink. We are starting the initial grant funding process. We will need to go to City Council for a resolution for support. This is in the very early stages and it will be a fundraising

campaign. We are officially a Play for all city now. We will be one of very few sites in the country that qualifies for sites that are designed for people with special needs in mind.

9. Division Updates- Edgebrook Golf Course

Greg Redenius gave us an update on Edgebrook Golf course. The Golf course opened on March 11th, it's a tie for the earliest that we have ever opened. We opened March 11th in 2016 as well. Irrigation was turned on March 13th and blown out on March 19th. Last fall we seeded three tee boxes. (Red Tees 14, 16 and 1.) We will have to top dress them a few times to get them done this spring. We removed the Willows on 15, once the stumps are ground out, we will try to move some Honey Locust in. Last fall we put in 56 tons of sand in the sand traps. We just received our bunker rake and Toro workman that we ordered last fall. All our other equipment has been serviced and is ready to go for the season. Daniel May our golf tech redid all of our tee signs and benches. He also did a deep clean of the club house. He has painted all the tee markers and is currently cleaning the balls that were removed out of the ponds. We are still in our contract with our lease for our golf cards, next year we will roll in the new ones.

10. Recreation Programs and Events – Summer 2024

Our Recreation Guide is out! Kristin wanted to highlight some of the larger programs. The Arbor Day 5k will be April 26th. Adult kickball and volleyball registration deadline is May 15th. We will be open the Hillcrest Aquic Center on May 28th. We aren't sure yet of a closing date because we haven't received the school calendars for the start of the school year this fall. First tee at Edgebrook begins the week of June 10th. The little Rascals Grand Prix will be June 15th. This year we will be doing Downtown at Sundown. Parks and Recreation will be doing the children's area. We would use our interns and partner with our user groups. BISA would do a hockey clinic, the Sustainability council will do some seed balls, we are looking at other activities. Our leadership statement is "*Bring Your Dreams*", so we are thinking about asking the kids what they want to see for the future of Brookings. This will be a good way for our department to get out into the community and meet with people. We are also hosting the State Legion Baseball Tournament July 30th through August 3rd. We also hope to do an Adult Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Tournament. This is TBD, and will be held at the Larson Ice Center.

11. Capital Project Updates

Pickleball Court: Kristin will be meeting with the pickleball players this week to discuss the colors and have an open vote to pick the colors of the court. Construction on the Pickleball Courts is set to start this week weather permitting. They have already relocated some utility lines and took down a storage shed.

Pioneer Bandshell: We are having a pre-construction meeting next week, with construction starting ASAP! The deadline for this project is the end of June. We will have the temporary staging.

12. Director's Report

- Seth Olson was promoted as the Park Supervisor of Ball Fields. He worked for 5 years in ball fields in Brandon and has been with us for the past year. Seth is great and we believe that he will do a fantastic job. This now opens a Park Technician position.
- The Hillcrest and Camelot playgrounds were delivered, we are currently just waiting on the instillation date, which is probably just on hold pending weather.
- Kristin is collecting proposals (engineered drawings) for the next steps in the Edgebrook water sourcing project. We getting proposals from Norby, ISG and a couple of other local companies as well. We are just wanting to explore our options.
- McClemans Playground will have lighting added to the main posts of the playground. These lights are solar lights and should run for about 6 hours. If the lights go well, we plan to try to expand that to other playgrounds. These are a great option because they are solar powered and we don't have to run any type of electrical lines.
- The Pool glass coat is scheduled to start this week, possibly next week.
- Prairie Hills Trail phase 2 is also expected to start soon, pending weather.

13. Adjournment

Doug Smith motions to Adjourn, Cade Christianson 2nds the motion; Motion carried.

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