

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Notes

Monday September 11th, 2023 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Erika Saunders called meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Present: Erika Saunders, Doug Smith, Nathaniel Condelli, John Maynes, Steve Berseth, Cade Christianson, Kristin Zimmerman Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Josh Bauman Assistant Director of Parks Recreation and Forestry, recreation managers Stacy Claussen & Darren Hoff, & Greg Redenius, Golf Course Superintendent Absent: Board member Ashley Ragsdale

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Steve Berseth, Doug 2nds; motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes tabled until changes are made and will be up for approval during the October 2nd Meeting.

4. Nomination of SDSU Student to the Park Board

Erin Benz has applied to be the SDSU Student member of the Park Board. Cade Christianson motions to approve, John Maynes 2nds; Motion is carried.

5. Parks Update

The renovation of pioneer bandshell is underway. We have been meeting with design firms for the restoration of the bandshell. Recently we discovered that the original bandshell did not have the brick facade up front. We are waiting to hear back from the State Historic Preservation Society to see their recommendations. We believe that they will recommend that we revert back to what the bandshell was originally. That would also be Kristin's recommendation. Construction is still on for the spring of 2024. The project actually came in under budget. The city initially budgeted \$100,000 with an additional \$100,000 along with the \$10,000 we received from the Deadwood grant; we were at \$210,000. The Original cost to restore came in at \$290,00 but the one we have now received came in at \$166,000. With the extra we would possibly have remaining from the project, Kristin Recommends that painting everything along with the bathrooms would give the bandshell a fresher look. The group that we are working with is DA Group and they have connections with the Historic Preservation Office and focus in historic structures. There are no new updates for the water source project at the golf course. The water hasn't been tested yet. The owners of the land have just recently gotten back to the firm. We are still exploring our options. We have budgeted for the boring to the LG Everests ponds, lining the ponds and a culvert to connect the two ponds. The city has to approve the budget and we are proposing a balanced budget meaning, revenues in and expenses out.

6. Parks Tour

We will tour the following Parks on the Parks tour and discuss what we have been working on in the parks:

- Pioneer Park
- Veterans Park
- Community Gardens
- Larson Ice Arena
- 34th Ave interchange
- Golf Course
- Softball Complex
- Dakota Nature Park
- Fishback Soccer Complex
- Moriarty Park
- McClellans Park
- Lions Park
- Hillcrest Aquatic Center

- Brookings Activity Center

7. Call For Future Meetings

- Amendments to August Minutes
- Water Source at Edgebrook Golf Course
- Budget
- Parks Master Plan
- Attendance Policy
- Naming rights for the Parks and other items that the Park, Recreation and Forestry Board are responsible for.
- Changing the police of having a July Park Board Meeting.
- Discussion on leaving lines for volley ball out all season
- Discussion on weather policy for adult recreation