

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Preliminary Minutes
February 17, 2012

Present: Chad Vande Lune, Jacki Craver, Sher Fulker, Arvin Van Zante, Stephen Fyfe, Stephen Dykstra, Jo Ella Gerber, Jill Parson-Payne & Chad Klein

Staff: Mike Nardini, Chandler Nunnikhoven, Mallary Herring, Jenny Hesseltine & Brenda Ross

Guests: Councilman Dave Vander Horst, City Administrator Mike Nardini

Stephen F made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20th meeting. This was seconded by Chad K.

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One bid was received from DSI. The contact is being worked out between the two parties and hopefully will be signed soon.

Facility Rentals

Staff will work to develop a draft new policy for rentals department-wide and will bring it to the board when ready.

Community Garden

Donations in the amount of \$2750 have been pledged and will more than cover the expenses for the water line and fencing. Council will hopefully approve the plot fee of \$25 at the February 21st council meeting. A \$25 deposit will also be required and will be returned at the end of the on the year if no problems were incurred. There will be a maximum of 20 plots the first year.

Big Rock Park Wood

Staff reported that fallen trees currently on the ground do not have any value for fire wood due to the length of time they have been on the ground. Staff is planning ahead for the future with regards to the trees that are currently there. Two businesses have expressed interest in the wood from newly fallen trees as that natural process occurs. There is no harm in leaving the current piles of branches, but it does not look good. A question was raised if it was allowable to take the wood out of the park, per the terms of the land donation. Staff will research this matter.

West Mark Park Playground

Jenny pointed out the following items from the memo:

- A \$10,000 endowment was established in 1992 and currently totals over \$34,000
- Staff's recent work on the playground, including:
 - Replaced tire ramps and tire horse with new tires
 - Tires came free from Theisen's
 - Replaced damaged/worn chains on climbing structures
 - Added a new wall where an existing drop bar was located because the fall zone was too great
 - Removed and replaced damaged/severe splintered decking and hand rails
 - Replaced new "strap in" chains in the infant swing area (west swings)
 - Raised east swings a couple of inches to keep children from kicking out mulch
 - Added conduit into bracing beams where chains were hollowing out the wood

- Added guards (black tile) over two slides to lessen the threat of splinters
- Re-nailed/screwed down all loose nails and screws throughout the playground
- Installed inner tube rubber over posts where the tops of the posts were hollow or had severe splintering
- Re-designed the tire swing for future wear and tear
- Re-installed the balance beam, adding a new support chain to keep the beam off the ground
- New rubber mats will be installed under slides in the springtime
- \$10,000 is scheduled in the FY 12/13 budget for replacement of the mulch/matting in the playground area and water drainage holes
- \$20,000 is scheduled in the FY 13/14 budget to implement plans from the focus group. It is staff's hope that the money will come from the endowment after making a request to the Pella Community Foundation.

Community Workouts & Internships

Two students from Central College, Jennifer Baxa and Bret Bell, were hired as interns to spear head the Community Workouts. They have developed a plan called "Kouch to Klompen". The program will begin February 27 with workouts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30 am in the Community Center Gym. The workouts will be eventually moved to the Central College track. The workout will get individuals ready to run the Klompen Classic on May 2nd.

Caldwell Park Tennis Courts

The Pella Tennis Association would like to see the City, School or private business build indoor tennis courts. They have had talks with Work Systems Fitness & Rehab, Pella High School and City staff. Funding of 20% of project costs is available through the US Tennis Association.

Open Discussion

Mike informed the board that an engineer will be hired and focus groups will be formed in the next step of the Indoor Pool renovation. Mike will also be able to give an official update on the Sports Park in the next 30/60 days.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 23 at noon at the Police Training Room. Chad VL made motion to adjourn, seconded by Arvin. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Ross
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