

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Minutes  
May 21, 2021

**Present:** Lauri Amelse, Stephen Fyfe, Nathan Guess, Mike Lyons, Amanda Schwerdtfeger, Glenn Steimling

**Absent:** Arvin Van Zante

**Staff:** Jeanette Vaughan, Alex Meyers, Chandler Nunnikhoven, Dyan Parker, Brenda Ross, Kevin Vos

12:01pm Community Services Director Jeanette Vaughan called the meeting to order

**Minutes** - Motion by Steimling, seconded by Amelse to approve the Community Services Board Meeting minutes of February 19, 2021. Motion carried 5-0

12:05pm Schwerdtfeger joins the meeting

### **Discussion Items**

**Summer Pool Information** – Meyers reviewed the hours of operations for the 2021 outdoor pool season. Starting Tuesday, June 1 it will be open Monday-Saturday from 1pm-6pm. The facility will be closed on Sundays unless more guards are hired. The outdoor pool hours and programming are subject to change based on staff availability. The indoor pool will continue to have lap swim by reservation, Low Impact Aerobics, and swim lessons. Reservations can be made online with an Aquatic Center Membership or by calling the pool. Meyers stated that we will continue to search for more lifeguards. We will look to add hours and programming, outdoor lap swim and river walking, back in should we be able to hire more lifeguards.

### **Department Updates:**

#### **Aquatics/Alex Meyers**

- Staffing levels just over 50% of what we would normally have hired for the summer season.
- Outdoor main pool and river have been sandblasted and painted.
- The new sound system, including new wiring, amplifiers and speakers has been installed.
- New rule and information signage for the outdoor pool has been installed.
- Swim lessons were offered again in May.
- Indoor pool continues to be very busy.

#### **Art & Rec/Brenda Ross**

- The annual testing of Fire Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Sprinkler System and Backflow was checked and passed.
- Union Street Players had 239 attend their show during Tulip Time.
- Pella Area Quilt Guild had 869 attend their quilt show during Tulip Time. This is 194 more than attended in 2019.
- The roof leak over room 307 has been repaired.
- The air conditioning units have been turned on in the Auditorium and on 3rd floor.
- All schedules for Pella Little League and Iowa Rush Soccer have been received and posted to the master calendar.
- This is the 1st year that registration is available on-line for Art Center Classes and it is going really well. Registration can also be completed on-line for athletic programs and shelter rentals.
- This is the last week for after school art center. The fall classes will resume in September, with 20 students per class coming every week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Art with Me and Home School classes will also be offered. Registration will start in early August and this will also be on-line.

## **Golf & Athletic Fields/Kevin Vos**

- PSP regular little league and USSSA uses are underway and require daily field prep.
- Baseball tournaments currently scheduled for May 22, June 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26.
- Soccer complex access is challenging due to road closures for the Neil Drive road construction project.
- Men's golf league is scheduled for Tuesday nights from May 11 - Sept 14. 38 players signed up.
- Staff continuing with regular maintenance and performing various grounds work which will improve golf playing surfaces.
- Pella Fiber install starting in the Bos Landen golf course area. They are crossing irrigation lines in several places. Water Department and Golf Staff are assisting in the locates.
- Various golf and athletic facility summer staff are starting June 1.

## **Parks/Chandler Nunnikhoven**

- Tulip Time went well for the Parks Department.
- Tulips are being removed via the public dig that started on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This year's dig was very messy due to wet conditions. Annual flowers will start being installed the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff is prepping the outdoor pool facility. Filling is underway.
- Flower pots and baskets are up in the Molengracht plaza area.
- All bathrooms and shelter houses are open and available for use. Trash continues to be high in the city parks.

## **Other Discussion:**

Vaughan reported the Community Center building is tentatively scheduled to be discussed at a June 8 council work session. The new rec center is continuing to move forward. Vaughan believes that City Admin and Finance are looking at options to finance the facility. Board discussed what options may be included in the facility. Steimling and Guess are interested in sitting in on a committee for the design of the new facility should a focus group be created to seek input.

Nunnikhoven updated the Board on the status of the Kiwanis Park Improvements project. Dirt work and underground utility work is underway. Schwerdtfeger asked if greenspace for open play will still be available in the park. Vaughan replied that the area north of the tennis courts will still be greenspace. Schwerdtfeger said that even though the park is under construction it is still busy with tennis and pickleball players and shelter/playground use. Steimling asked when the middle 2 pickleball courts will be fixed. Nunnikhoven stated that staff will start on repairs after the outdoor pool is up and running for the season. Vaughan mentioned that the repairs could be completed by volunteers if anyone was willing to take on the task earlier.

Amelse addressed the lifeguard shortage at the pool and encouraged Meyers and her staff to hang in there! Vaughan agreed and hoped that the public will be understanding as many local businesses are also experiencing the same problem with staffing.

Fyfe asked about the availability of outdoor lap swim. Meyers stated there would be indoor lap swim available and that if lifeguard staffing increased outdoor lap swim could be added back in. Vaughan said one option that was discussed was adding lap swim outside during the open swim time from 5:00pm-6:00pm when attendance is typically low. Amelse requested that we look at opening some lap swim lanes for first come/first serve use verses having all lanes as reservation only. Schwerdtfeger suggested notifying the public of the shortage of lifeguards at the pool prior to opening might forestall issues.

Steimling heard people were blown away by tulip time. Amelse noted the town looked great during tulip time.

Vaughan reported to the Board that while a neutral third party environmental study did not pass at the Council level, Council was supportive of a private group's initiative to conduct a 2 year study in Big Rock Park. This study is being funded through a grant received by the newly formed 501c3, Friends of Big Rock Park. Vaughan reported that any sponsorship funding or donations received for the disc golf course project were returned to businesses and citizens, as the course was not fully constructed. Installed baskets will remain in place for now and uninstalled baskets will remain in storage until a use is determined.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Schwerdtfeger, seconded by Lyons to adjourn the Community Services Board Meeting.

Motion carried 6-0

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021 at noon in room 206, in the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Dyan Parker

May 24, 2021