

City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

January 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Andrew Fraley, and Bob Bodene.

Members Absent: Marilyn Didling, and Andrea Messina.

Also Present: Council Member Mark Daly, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Secretary Karen Boland.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Bodene made a **motion** to approve the September 18, 2014 minutes. Second by Sandie Wood. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Park Fund balance	\$64,740.00
Park Capital Fund balance	\$18,834.00
Park Land Fund balance	\$ 9,407.00

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

a) Parking Lot Expansion Council Suggestions

The telephone poles around the parking area were removed to make as much usable space as possible. Beyond that, City staff and Park Board members don't feel it's cost effective to take steps needed to expand the main parking lot, for the small number of additional spaces it would create.

b) Dog Clean-Up Bag Dispensers

Jim found metal dog bag dispensers for \$124/ea., if 6 are purchased. During the park tour, the Board discussed replacing the 3 current dispensers, and adding 3 more. Jim will find out the cost of 3 additional signs.

c) Tennis Courts – Pickle Ball and Crack Fill Alternatives

The Board would like to make filling in the cracks in the tennis courts a priority, before looking into what would need to be added for pickle ball.

New Business

a) Updating Park Master Plan

The 2009 Master Plan was reviewed. An updated plan would be a working model of what the park looks like now, and show future plans. Board members questioned how much the master plan is actually looked at or used. Since there isn't money to make big changes to the park, the Board felt there is no immediate need to revise the Master Plan.

b) Sealcoating

The Board agreed that the sealcoating should be done. It will be timed to coincide with major City sealcoating projects.

c) Hydroseeding

Jim raised the issue of the difficulty in getting grass to grow around the playground area without irrigation. He said repeated attempts at regular seeding haven't been very successful. Hydroseeding was discussed, and the Board asked Jim to find out the square footage of the area needing seeding, and to research the hydroseeding process and cost.

Old Business

a) Fencing Alternatives to Telephone Poles

Jim suggested starting by the ball field on the south side of Kettle River. Pulling the poles and running black cyclone fence from the parking lot to the tree line would be relatively simple on that side. Earlier estimates ran about \$3000. Last summer, Sandie contacted Cemstone for a possible donation, and was told their donation money had been exhausted for the year, but the City could send a letter requesting a donation for the park project for 2015.

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to request that the City Administrator solicit funds from Cemstone for fencing between the street and the ball field on the south side of Kettle River Boulevard. The Board suggested a letter requesting a donation of \$3000. Second by Andrew Fraley. Motion carried. If a donation is received, the Board feels a sign or plaque of acknowledgement should be included on the fence.

b) DNR Overlook

This item should stay on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

Adjourn

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Andrew Fraley. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Boland, Recording Secretary