

City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

April 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Marilyn Didling, Andrew Fraley, Bob Bodene and Andrea Messina.

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

Approval of Minutes

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to approve the January 8, 2015 minutes. Second by Andrew Fraley. Motion was approved.

Agenda Additions or Deletions

Sandie has a brief item on pickle ball courts.

Treasurer's Report

Park Fund balance	\$69,908.64
Park Capital Fund balance	\$19,623.97
Park Land Fund balance	\$10,938.44

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

a) Dog Clean-Up Bag Dispensers

Per the last meeting, Jim can purchase six metal dog bag dispensers for \$124/each. Baked enamel signs saying, "Please clean up after your dog" can be purchased for \$25.85/each. The Board would like four dispensers placed around the larger side of City Park, and two on the tennis-court side.

Motion by Marilyn Didling to allow the Public Works Superintendent to purchase six metal dog-bag dispensers, costing \$124/ea., and three dog clean up signs at \$25.85/ea., for a total cost of \$821.55. Second by Andrea Messina. Motion carried.

b) Tennis Courts Crack Fill Alternatives

Public Works staff will chisel out the fill used last year, that isn't working, and will fill tennis court cracks with polyurethane.

c) Sealcoating

Jim received a bid from SealTech, Inc. for \$4118.00 to sealcoat the trail around City Park. This is under the budgeted amount of \$7000.

Motion by Bob Bodene to accept the SealTech bid of \$4118.00 for sealcoating of the trail around City Park. Second by Andrew Fraley. Motion carried.

d) Donated Locks for Field Equipment Boxes

The Forest Lake Area Athletic Association (FLAAA) has donated good quality combination locks that can be used on the equipment boxes by the ball fields. The City currently has keyed locks and requires a payment of \$3 for a key, which must then be returned at the end of the season. The Board felt this donation should be accepted, the combination locks will be easier for teams to use, and the combination can be changed each season or as necessary.

Motion by Andrew Fraley to accept FLAAA's donation of combination locks for the equipment boxes by the ball fields, and to waive the practice of charging a fee for those given permission to access the boxes. Second by Andrea Messina. Motion carried.

e) Donation of Dual Stanchion Pitching Rubbers

FLAAA would like to mount dual stanchion pitching rubbers on the ball fields. They will supply both the materials and the labor. There will be no cost to the City.

Motion by Sandie Wood to allow FLAAA to put in dual stanchion pitching rubbers on the City ball fields, at FLAAA's expense. Second by Bob Bodene. Motion carried.

f) Tru-Green Lawn Service

Jim recommended that Tru-Green lawn service not be used at Hidden Park, since the decision was made to mow very little of that park. Board members agreed. This will bring the Park Board cost for Tru-Green services to \$3498 for 2015.

g) Fall Fest

The Board was asked if they are interested in participating in Fall Fest as a group. Members agreed not to participate. Jim said if any individuals are interested, there are volunteer opportunities.

New Business

a) Hydroseeding

Jim measured the areas of City Park that need seeding, and talked to contractors, but there was little interest due to the small area and its patchy nature. A hydroseeder can be rented from Tri-State Bobcat for \$250/day plus the cost of supplies. He received a bid of \$421 from Tri-State for 6000 feet of coverage and one day of rental. Twenty-three pounds of seed will cover 3000 square feet. Public Works will probably level out the ground on the tennis court side of the park and seed that as well.

Motion by Sandie Wood to accept the Tri-State bid for \$421.00 and have Public Works hydroseed park areas that need it. Second by Marilyn Didling. Motion carried.

Old Business

a) Fencing Alternatives to Telephone Poles

At the Board's request, Jim measured the amount of fencing needed if the telephone poles are removed on the Fire Hall side of Kettle River Blvd. between the street and the ball field. He got two estimates for 200 linear feet of fencing at two different heights. Local business, Century Fence estimated \$3630 for four-foot high fencing, and \$4098 for five-foot high fence. King Fence of Chisago estimated \$3300 for four-foot, and \$3600 for five-foot.

Jim didn't know if City Administrator Mursko has contacted Cemstone for donations. Board members would like to go ahead with the fencing regardless. If a donation does come from Cemstone, it will be put toward this fencing and acknowledged. The current fencing next to the ball field is five feet high. Board members think that height should be matched. They would like to work with a Columbus business. Jim will ask Century Fence to match the other bid.

Motion by Andrew Fraley to approve the Century Fence bid for \$4098.00 to furnish and install 200 linear feet of five-foot-high chain link fence with black vinyl top rail. This fence will replace the telephone poles along Kettle River Blvd., on the Fire Hall side. Second by Sandie Wood. Motion carried.

Sandie commented that, while visiting Florida, she talked to some people playing pickle ball. The courts were full, and players said they are always packed. These designated pickle ball courts were somewhat smaller than tennis courts, and the lines were a little different. She was not sure whether the height of the net was different.

Bob noted that trees are falling along Notre Dame Street in City Park, in the area between the street and the trail, next to the main parking lot. It gets very wet right there and some of the trees are dead, others leaning. Public Works will cut down dead trees and those in danger of falling.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **July 23, 2015** at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building. **Note that this meeting was rescheduled to make it possible for all members to be present.**

Adjourn

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Bob Bodene. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Boland, Recording Secretary