

City of Columbus Park Advisory Board Meeting

January 17, 2019

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Kris King, and Bob Bodene

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, Secretary Lorie Spangler, and John Herrick Representative from Forest Lake Fast Pitch Association.

Absent

Andrea Messina, Mark Daly

Approval of Minutes

Bodene made a **motion** to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes. **Second** by King. Motion was approved.

Agenda Additions or Deletions

None

Treasurer's Report

No current figures were available.

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

Superintendent Windingstad stated that during the organizational meeting portion of the last City Council meeting, there was a decision to eliminate the Park Board liaison. It was proposed to have a park board member present their report at the council meeting. The park advisory board requests a council liaison to attend the meetings; however, they will attend the next council meeting and present their report along with their request.

Roundabout Design

The board reviewed design ideas for the roundabouts and were still concerned about liability to the city if someone ran into boulder that were placed in the roundabout area. It was mentioned that a representation of the Columbus logo could be incorporated as three pine trees and a burning bush shrubbery. It was noted that recently that the Kettle River/Broadway roundabout was driven through therefore maintenance free was discussed. Bodene suggested a clump of birch with the possibility of limestone boulders sporadically placed (depending on liability). The consensus of the board is to confirm with the council/attorney what liability the city holds and from there will discuss further designs. At this time the board has decided to maintain the grass on the KRB/BW and wait for more development in the Lake Drive/23 roundabout area.

New Business

- Field Reservation Policy – Each year the city receives requests for ball field reservations that are located in the main city park. There are 4 fields available, however one field is not a regulation sized softball field, therefore only three (3) fields are available for use. In

the past entities have come the first of the year to reserve fields and at times there has been a controversy as all fields have been reserved by one association, not allowing any fields for other associations use. The board felt it is good to see all the fields reserved but better to have them reserved and being used, as in the past some of the reserved fields have been observed open with no play on them. The board has decided to draft a reservation policy to present to the Council. If approved this policy will be put in force for the 2020 season. This policy will ensure that the applications received will be considered for fair and equitable field allocation.

Wood made a **motion** to have a policy for Columbus Park field reservations drafted for Board approval and then forwarded on to the Council for review and approval. This policy would go into effect for the season 2020. **Second** by Bodene. Motion was approved.

- Eagle Scout Project proposal – The City received an email requesting an opportunity for a young resident to create an Eagle Scout project for the City. The idea presented was a veteran’s memorial bench located in the city park, Sr. Center location, or by the city hall. The consensus of the board is that they are requesting a detailed plan of the project requiring it to include all 5 branches of the military as well as maintenance free and placed on a concrete pad. They have requested that the Cub Scout present his plan at the next park board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

Adjourn

Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. **Second** by King. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorie Spangler, Recording Secretary