

City of Columbus Park Advisory Board Meeting

January 23, 2020

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Kris King, Andrea Messina, Mark Daly and Bob Bodene
Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad and City Planning Technician Ben Gutknecht

Approval of Minutes

Daly made a **motion** to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. **Second** by Messina. Motion was approved.

Agenda Additions or Deletions

Add field reservation information and resident request for additional park path snow removal.

Treasurer's Report

Park Fund balance (403)	N/A
Park Capital Fund balance (404)	N/A
Park Land Fund balance	\$47,887.55

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

Welcome

The Board welcomed Ben Gutknecht, City Planning Technician. Gutknecht will be attending Park Board meetings and partake in the future park master plan concept. Windingstad stated he will be phasing out, however, he will participate at the park board meeting in July to discuss the budget.

Old Business

- Eagle Scout Project – Gutknecht presented to the board a thank you note from Boy Scout Jake Kierkeide.
- Roundabout Design – Windingstad and Gutknecht made a visit to Prairie Restorations in Scandia to discuss appropriate plantings for the Lake Drive roundabout. Windingstad stated a cost of approximately \$4,000.00 was given for prep site and seeding of wild grasses and wildflowers. The board is concerned if it is not done right it looks unkept and distasteful. Another suggestion was to replicate the design in the bridge with three pine trees and grass. The boards' consensus was research the salt hardiness of whitepine and to get quotes on 6 foot white pine trees.
- Playground Equipment – The board is aware that the tot lot is in need of new equipment. Gutknecht provided handouts that included individual free standing pieces as well as combined climbing/sliding equipment. The board looked at 2-5 age group equipment. Messina added that the equipment in there now is boring and she felt there needed to be more

interactive pieces. The board suggests removing all the existing tot lot equipment and replacing it with the new items. Bodene and Daly expressed obtaining information on adult cardio/exercise pieces as well. Gutknecht will contact the vendors for prices along with quotes for installation. This information will be brought forward to the next meeting.

New Business

- Park trail snow removal request– The board received a request from a resident who frequently uses the park trail to have the path on the far side of the park, tennis court side, cleared of snow for walking access. Public works stated they have a new piece of equipment to efficiently and effectively clear the park paths and they will start clearing that side as well.

Daly made a **motion** to have snow removed on the park trail that is located on the tennis court side of the park. **Second** by Bodene. Motion was approved

- Field Reservations - Per the park reservation policy, Spangler provided the board with the only field reservation received as of date, North Lakes Academy (NLA). NLA provided a schedule of games and practices. The board approved each of their requests. Any future reservations submitted will be considered according to field availability. Spangler will inform NLA of their approved reservation dates and fees.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. This meeting will replace the April scheduled meeting. Daly will present to the City Council February 12, 2020.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted

Lorie Spangler, Recording Secretary