

MONTHLY MEETING

December 16th 2024 - 5:30PM

Board Members: Seim, Fietek, Stromberg, Freeman, Irvine,

Present : Seim, Praska, Stromberg, Freeman

Community Guests: Patty Dahlen, Lori Seim, Waylon Lietz, Nina Hollingsworth, Mike Helt, Bruce Heggen, Linda Meberg, Leah Skjerven, Kenny Gillespie, Dennis Kubat, Nancy Thompson,

Absent: Irvine, Fietek

Meet Called to Order by: Ashley Seim

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes and Financials: 1- J. Stromberg 2- Sara Freeman

OLD BUSINESS

Community Building Committee Update

The Community Building Committee met on 12/3 to discuss next steps so Josh could follow up with Foss Architecture on any changes. It was decided to ask Foss for a downsized rendering which would eliminate the walking track and basketball court. The committee came to this decision based on the highest needs, lack of funds and obtainability. Committee would like to explore other options at a lower dollar amount.

Josh met with Dylan to discuss changes and conversations with Foss to come up with a course of action based on the committee meeting. Josh and Dylan discussed the need for one person to be the point of contact and Josh agreed to handle communication with Foss.

Splash Pad Equipment Building

Steve from My Aquatics has not come to install equipment. He stated this would happen before Christmas but he continues to delay the install. He said he is waiting on equipment.

Misty told Steve she needs the invoice for this so that she can submit reimbursement from the grant which ends Jan 1. Misty will not be mailing the check until the work is complete however.

Snow Removal on Outdoor Skating Rink

Misty talked with Elias. His rates are \$400 a month, or \$150/hr. Bigfoot Lawn charges \$75/hr which is more affordable for the park district.

Ashley will contact Bigfoot Plowing to have them do it when necessary. Stefan has been taking care of it up until this point. Misty will contact him to let him know we have hired Bigfoot Lawn.

Pool

Survey went out - 74 people filled out - there are mixed emotions about fixing the current pool or building new.

Lori Seim asked how the building is in terms of structural integrity. It was stated the structure appears to be okay as it is concrete but it isn't entirely known. The plumbing and system is old and there isn't a lot of available information regarding how the system works.

She asked about what continues to cause problems to the pool beyond the current needed repair. The location of the pool is the ongoing issue due to it being on a hill. While the park board may be able to get the current pool working, it is a matter of time until the next issue comes along due to the location.

Lease Agreements on Land

Ashley requested a meeting with 'policies and contracts' at the last city council meeting. They will meet on January 8th to finalize leases and joint powers agreement. The meeting is scheduled for 1/8/25 at 5:30pm in the city council room.

Bookkeeping For Park District

701 tax solutions have been contacted regarding discontinuing services with the park board. They said they will help in whatever way as we transition over to book keeping with the city.

Amanda will need an ending balance for the park district

Line of Credit/Operational Loan

Misty met with Chris Midgarden from FUB shortly after the November park board meeting to discuss loan options for the park district. While waiting for the loan process, it was discovered that two of the park district reimbursements for the splash pad were directly deposited into the city bank account for the amount of \$26,404.76. Once those funds were received, the account was -\$7,862.02. With this deficit and outstanding bills, \$20,000 was the amount needed to get the park district through to the new year. Ashley met with the tax committee to request these funds. The park district will have 2 years to pay this back but will get it paid back as soon as possible. Tax income will restart Jan 1.

Mural Project - Village Green Park

Toby Zikmund reached out with an idea about working on a mural at the village green park. He would like to get approval to add a backdrop on the fencing on the north side of the tennis courts. There are currently old boards up but the idea would be to replace these. He has been in touch with Mellssa Irvine to coordinate this project with the ESP kids art program she runs in the summer. She said she has some materials they could use. Toby discussed looking for funding options to cover some costs as well as compensation for his time. He is only asking for permission to plan this project at the time. He is in the very early stages of the planning process.

Misty will connect with Toby Zikmund to let him know that the park board is interested in this opportunity and would like more information as the planning advances.

Financials

Motion to Approve Bills 1. J. Stromberg 2. S. Freeman

OPEN DISCUSSION -

Typo in Loughhead sign to be fixed. Misty will order a new sign; installation will take place in the spring.

