



Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2018

City Hall-Council Chambers

1. Call to order 6:15 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Humphrey, Jackson, Klier
 - b. Absent: Price, Vandall
3. Approve Minutes from 2-21-18
 - a. Motioned by: Klier, 2nd Jackson
 - b. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0
4. Brian Laube – Update on Fireworks Donations
 - Brian updated Park Board members on fundraising efforts letting them know we need to raise a little more than \$3000 to break even. He provided a handout which showed revenues and expenses to date along with expected expenses. Melanie Humphrey will follow up with the Friends of Newton Parks group to see if they can handle the donation boxes.
 - Brian also told the Park Board that he would be reaching out to some businesses we work with to get a few more donations. It was also mentioned that Amanda Price had sent email to the Park Board letting them know Hy-Vee had expressed interest in donating and was told to contact the Community Services Office.
5. Nick Cummins – Update on Ragbrai Camping in Parks
 - Nick provided a handout which outlined the parks to be utilized for camping on July 25th. He noted that Maytag Park will serve as the main campground with Ragbrai people using the Pool Pavilion as their information center. He mentioned the need for volunteers and said they could submit a form to sign up as a volunteer on the Newton Ragbrai website.
 - Jim Klier asked about the route bikers will be using as they enter Newton. Nick replied that they would be arriving on N 4th Ave W, the road between the PW building and Thomas Jefferson Elementary and would go down 3rd St to Maytag park. The square would be blocked off for activities that day.
6. Brian Laube – Update on Maytag Pool
 - Brian Laube stated that the proposed pool hours of operation will be from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm on July 25th. Everyone will be charged our regular daily admission \$4.50 and the concession stand will

be open for business. Melanie Humphrey asked about legal capacity of pool and Brian said the Aquatic Examiner Service would help determine but we would have an employee at the gate counting people going in and out so we do not go over the determined capacity. He also noted that the proposed hours of operation on July 26th will begin at 6:00 am for early swim / showers. May have coffee / donuts available at concession.

- Melanie Humphrey asked if we had any plans for recycling bins at the pool. Nick said he already ordered them and Lisa Bernal mentioned they had already been delivered to our office.
- Brian Laube also mentioned we would be using an Aquatic Examiner Service provided by Red Cross to review lifeguard operations, do drill with lifeguards and do a mock inspection so we know what to work on. He also said they would help us determine the capacity of our pool. He mentioned this service cost \$1200 but we could apply for an ICAP grant of \$1000 to help cover costs which he has already applied for. He went on to say that in addition the Fire Department would be conducting a refresher first aid / CPR / AED training with our lifeguards and pool deck leaders during our first orientation in-service prior to the pool opening. The Fire Department also said they had a dummy that could be used to simulate a rescue and would have trainees go through the rescue, calling 911 and having an ambulance dispatched to the pool.
- Brian Laube stated the Water Slide Rehab project was approved by Council for \$80,000 and that we will be sending out a bid package to prospective contractors in hopes of getting done after pool closes for the season this year. He said that per one of the contractors our pool slides were good quality and after refurbishing would probably last another 15 years.
- Using money in the current budget, Brian Laube said they would be continuing to work on ADA improvements and sidewalks at Agnes Patterson. He provided a map handout which showed additional handicap parking and sidewalks to the athletic fields. He was hopeful they would complete by July but may have to give contractors some options for completion dates due to the activities already scheduled out there and Ragbrai. Brian said it may be a little bit of an inconvenience for ball players this season.
- Brian Laube also noted the new golf carts had been ordered but were on back order due to high demand. He stated that the company we are ordering from did provide 10 loaner golf carts to use at no cost until we receive the new ones.

7. Old Business

- Marc Jackson said that Joel Mills will be helping him open up trails at 30 Acre Park. He said that he should have a full report at the next meeting.
- Melanie Humphrey asked if we were contacted about a possible Eagle Scout project making signs for Agnes soccer fields. Nick and Brian both commented we hadn't been. Melanie said she advised them to contact someone at our office concerning the placement of the signs.
- Melanie Humphrey also asked about the pile of field surface at Agnes and if the City purchased or NGSA. Per Nick he replied that the City had purchased it. Melanie also mentioned that there was a verbal agreement that both the NGSA and the Little League would put money back into the upkeep of the fields instead of paying a rental fee to utilize them. Per Brian Laube and Jody Rhone said that the City would be setting up a meeting with all leagues who utilize our fields and getting agreements in writing or imposing fees for the use of the fields. Both said it was too late in March to get a meeting together since many had already held their registrations for the spring but it would definitely happen prior to next season.
- Melanie Humphrey also asked about the dirt spots on the grass at Sunset Park. Nick replied that those were the areas where they had to reseal cracks in storm sewer and then use dirt to re-pack.

8. New Business

- Nick Cummins asked the Park Board what their thoughts were on seeding the ball field at Sunset Park. He said the ball field got very little use and was not a good surface to play on. He thought that if it were seeded it would look better and could still be utilized to play on because they would leave the fencing up. The Park Board agreed and thought it would make a good soccer practice field also.

9. Adjourn: 6:49pm

- Adjourn Regular Meeting
 - a. Motioned by: Jackson, 2nd: Klier
 - b. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0