



Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

Newton City Hall - Council Chambers

1. Call to order 6:15 pm
2. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Statement (by Vandall)
3. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Jackson, Klier, Vandall (presiding)
 - b. Absent: Price, Humphrey
4. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law (confirmed by B. Laube)
5. Approve Minutes from 4-18-18
 - a. Motioned by: Klier, 2nd Jackson
 - b. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0
6. Nick Cummins – Update on RAGBRAI Camping in Parks
 - Nick stated that most of the group’s locations in various parks have now been determined, and he is working on locations for water hook-ups.
 - Emergency route maps in the parks are also being prepared for EMS use.
 - He is seeking volunteers for RAGBRAI, and that there is a volunteer sign-up form on the Newton RAGBRAI website.
7. Brian Laube – Update on Fireworks Donations
 - Brian updated Park Board members on fundraising efforts to-date. As-of today, the current projected need is \$2,754.07 , with a couple thousand dollars still not spent on bounce houses, entertainment, and misc. items.
 - Brian also asked that the Park Board continue to move forward with the donation boxes at local businesses, as City staff cannot place and retrieve these. Jim Klier asked about getting a box, and Brian Laube asked him to contact Lisa Bernal about where the existing boxes were at.
8. Brian Laube – Update on Maytag Pool Waterslide Rehab. Project
 - Brian Laube stated the Water Slide Rehab project bid package should be finished in the next couple weeks, and bids will be sought from contractors who specialize in this type of work.
 - The plan is to present bids to City Council in June to award a contract. That would allow for this project to be scheduled hopefully sometime between the close of the 2018 pool season and the 2019 opening of the pool.

- This project would add 15 to 20 years of life to the existing slides, and may also include a change in color of the slides.
9. Brian Laube – ADA Accessible Playground and Grants
- Due to recent public inquiries on this, Brian Laube spoke about looking into securing grant money for possible ADA accessible and inclusive playground equipment. Public Works Director Jody Rhone and Brian Laube are to meet soon with the City’s engineering consultant to explore possible grants for this type of improvement.
 - No locations, plans, scope of work, etc. is known at this time.
10. Brian Laube – Park Board Goal Setting
- Brian Laube spoke about beginning the Park Board’s annual goal setting exercise likely at next month’s meeting. This is needed to align with the City’s revised CIP and budget calendar.
 - Brian will present a list of potential goals to the board next month, have them add or delete items to this list, and then have an online survey sent to them similar to last year so the board members can prioritize their goals.
11. Nick Cummins – Westwood Hosting State Golf Tournament
- Nick stated that Westwood Golf Course will be hosting one class of the 2018 Iowa Boys State High School Golf Tournament next week. This two day event will have numerous teams playing the course, with some already having played practice rounds at Westwood.
 - Nick also mentioned that Westwood hosted a Junior PGA tournament last week, with favorable comments received about the course.
12. Old Business
- none
13. New Business
- Nick Cummins stated that Eagle Scout Nicholas Trammel (sp.) contacted him about making some signs for Agnes Patterson Park. The signs would likely be field numbering signs for the soccer fields and maybe a general location sign as well. Board member Vandall suggested that the signs be made of a low-maintenance, long-lasting material.
 - Board member Klier forwarded complaints on smoking at Aurora Park, and asked that staff verify that “No Smoking” signs are present. Nick Cummins to verify this.
 - Board member Vandall asked about the condition of the zipline at Aurora Park. Nick Cummins said the seat problem was from weathering over the winter, but the cable itself is fine and has no weight limit.
 - Board member Jackson asked about the seeding of the dirt infield at the Sunset Park ballfield. Nick Cummins said that the backstop, bases, and home plate would remain, and that the lines could be painted if needed for play.
14. Adjourn: 6:35pm
- Adjourn Regular Meeting
 - a. Motioned by: Jackson, 2nd: Klier
 - b. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Brian Laube - Community Services Manger
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