

Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2018

Newton City Hall - Council Chambers

1. Call to order 6:15 pm
2. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Statement
3. Roll Call
 - Present: Humphrey, Jackson, Price & Vandall
 - Absent: Klier
4. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law (confirmed by Lisa Bernal)
5. Approve Minutes from 9-19-18
 - Motioned by: Vandall, 2nd by Jackson
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
6. Possible revisions to golf, pool and parks rental fees.
 - Jody Rhone shared that substantial changes to fee structures will be proposed for next season.
 - He noted that these changes would be aimed at increasing pool and golf attendance.
 - Jody informed them that November 19th Brian will give a recap to council of 2018 pool and golf, November 21st new fee schedule proposal would be presented to Park Board and December 3rd propose new fee schedule to City Council.
7. Proposed agreements with sports leagues for field use.
 - Jody Rhone said that parks staff met with representatives from the Little League and NGSA about field use fees.
 - The City proposed that field use fees be revamped to a minimal charge per person on each team rather than a daily or per hour usage fee.
 - Jody said this idea was well received by both the Little League and NGSA. He also went on to say that the City would like to have each sign a maintenance agreement which spells out exactly what services the City will provide and what things the leagues will be responsible for. Jody said that they would be meeting with NASA soon regarding this as well.
 - Melanie Humphrey asked if the Park Board could be notified prior to this meeting happening. She said that they all had several people contact them about the other meeting and were unprepared to answer their questions. Jody said we could notify them.
 - Amanda Price said that it was brought up after meeting with the Little League that there are issues with those fields needing repaired.
 - Jody commented that the City would like to change infield to aglime so it is easier to upkeep but would like the support of the leagues using it prior to changing that.
8. Update on O.P.E.N.'s recycling proposal in the city parks.
 - O.P.E.N. would like to see recycling containers in our parks. Nick Cummins spoke with Jane Johnson and have decided to test this at Maytag Park. We will be putting recycling cans at

Maytag Park and O.P.E.N. was willing to pay for recycling lids and stickers for the containers.

- Nick said Jane had already spoken with Liz Dodd to see if it would be an issue to pick up the recycling containers at Maytag Park. Dodd's said they would be able to do that as long as the recycling containers were placed on the curb by the street.
- Nick said he would keep the Park Board updated on the progress of this recycling program.

9. Old Business.

- At the last meeting, Brian Laube presented the option to the Board to schedule meetings every other month instead of monthly. Melanie wanted to reiterate that Park Board is opposed to doing this due to the public's perception of how necessary is the Park Board if it only meets every other month. Board chose to leave this issue alone for now and will vote on it if brought up by Brian again.
- Jody brought up that the ADA sidewalk to Agnes pit toilet will be starting this week.
- Melanie Humphrey asked about how the visit to Grundy Center Pool went. Jody replied that it went well and they thought that the grassy area that was previously fenced would be a perfect spot for a splash pad. He said they wouldn't have funds to do that this season but they are using the extra slide rehab money for other pool improvements. Jody mentioned that they were replacing the benches around the pool and the picnic tables in the concessions area. That they also wanted to replace the awnings above the concessions and ticket office. Melanie asked if the City planned to publicize the slide rehab and other upgrades and Jody answered would like to wait on this until we begin to sell passes for new season.

10. New Business

- Nick Cummins informed the Park Board that the men's restroom at Agnes Patterson by the volleyball court and playground was vandalized. He said that it was completely destroyed inside and showed them photos. Nick also said that the police were investigating and that the City has already met with their insurance company. He noted the restrooms were closed there now for the season and that they would be working on replacing fixtures due to the damage. Park Board asked about security cameras and Jody Rhone replied that City staff had already met and discussed this but feels that a good system would be way to expensive.

11. Adjourn Regular Meeting (6:55 pm)

- Motioned by: Vandall, 2nd Price
- Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Lisa Bernal – Administrative Assistant Community Services

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