

**MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Park and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members present: Joe Schleper, Chair; Tom Schaffer, Dan Menk, Holly Schrupp, Dan Vick, Council liason

Members absent: Mary Ditty, Merle Wagner, Mike Lindquist

Also present: Phil Kern, City Administrator

3. MINUTES

A. Minutes of meeting on January 22, 2014

Motion by Tom Schaffer, second by Dan Menk to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013.
Motion approved.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Discuss Park Donations and Projects Policy

The Commission expressed their approval for the document, but suggested adding a statement saying that the city can only donate funds to help potential projects if there are enough available budgeted funds. Holly Schrupp recommended striking language saying "City resources are not wasted in the future".

Motion by Tom Schaffer, second by Dan Menk to approve the policy with noted changes.
Motion approved.

B. Discuss FITS Program

The Commission was presented with the participation numbers for the 2013 FITS Program. Phil Kern stated that in recent times the program has become more about babysitting than recreational programs. He stated that the city is most concerned about liability as opposed to economics seeing that many children are dropped off without registering or children come from nearby neighborhoods. Joe Schleper noted that the program first started to bring recognition and awareness to the parks, but they have since become well known in the city. He also added that numbers are probably down because of the extensive programming that Community Education has to offer. Dan Menk asked if there was any way to modify the program to make it more efficient.

Motion by Tom Schaffer, second by Dan Menk to suspend the program indefinitely with the

hope that Community Education can take over in the near future. Motion approved.

C. Discuss Adopt-a-Park Program

The Commission was presented with a list of the parks within Delano and those which have been adopted by a family or organization. Kern stated that the city would like to form a document and have some type of “open house” to ensure that those parks that have been adopted continue to be cared for and that those people who have adopted a park have guidelines and ideas on how to participate. Dan Menk stated that if reminders could be sent periodically to those involved it would help ensure that participation numbers would stay consistent. Joe Schleper said that it would be good if those involved with the program would take pictures so that examples can be sent out to current and future participants.

D. Update on Field 9

The Commission was updated on the Field 9 fence project and were given a tentative timeline for completion. Councilmember Vick asked if it would be feasible to extend the 16’ left field fence a bit past the foul ball line. He stated that this would ensure that foul balls hit that way would be prevented from landing near pedestrians and spectators. The Commission agreed and thought it would be a good idea.

Motion by Holly Schrupp, second by Tom Schaffer to approve extending the fence past the foul ball line. Motion approved.

E. Discuss ongoing communication strategies

Dan Menk commended the City on it’s continual improvement of communication strategies within the city.

F. Outstanding items from previous meetings

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.