

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Park and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Present:

Mike Lindquist

Marnie Lucas

Dan Menk

Sean Peterson

Tom Schaffer

Jonathan Werth

Not present:

Sarah Berres

Also present:

Jon Sutherland, City Council

Phil Kern, City Administrator

Justin Markon, Recorder

Motion by Menk to approve agenda, seconded by Werth; motion carried

3. Minutes

Motion by Werth to approve minutes from August 2017 and September 2017 meetings, seconded by Lucas; motion carried

4. Order of Business

A. Canoe sign update

Markon gave an update that he has reached out but not heard from the artist regarding the canoe. Kern reported that a resident posted a comment on Facebook concerned about the usability of the canoe ramp because of recent flooding and fluctuation of the river level.

B. Concession building update

Kern said that he shared the plans for the concession building at a recent Delano Area Chamber of Commerce meeting. The construction is moving forward with footings, foundation, and block work scheduled to be complete by mid-November. He is meeting with the 4th of July committee soon to discuss the kitchen in the building. He noted that the participants at the Chamber meeting were happy with the splashpad discussion and the opportunity to purchase employee passes once it opens. Schaffer asked if the building would be covered for the winter,

and Kern replied that it would be and trusses will be delivered by November 10.

C. Central Park ice rinks

Markon said that staff will soon bring a proposal to the City Council for the purchase of outdoor hockey boards to be placed at Central Park. Kern reported that the Delano Jaycees were working on cleaning up the boards used for boot hockey during the past winter, which would be used for the skating rink in Central Park this year. Additionally, he said that the City will begin advertising soon for concession stand attendants for this winter. Kern and Lindquist recently attended a meeting regarding the lease of the rink area next to the sports arena on the school campus. When the lease is complete in two years, the City and school district will discuss what to do next with the outdoor rink area.

D. Commission communications update

Commissioner Berres has been working with Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator, to increase the visibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission. There have been more postings on social media, including the agenda and project updates. Updates have been seen high traffic.

E. Utility box wraps

City staff recently put together a map of utility boxes in the downtown area that would be best suited for wraps and shared this map with the Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture. They are currently soliciting designs for the wraps from local artists.

5. Other Business

Sutherland shared a picture of a plaque commemorating the families who donated land for Central Park and said that the plaque could use some updating. Kern said that the monument could be moved to a more prominent place near the entrance to Central Park, but staff would have to explore which parcels were donated.

Kern shared that he recently met with a local company to discuss a solution for foul balls at the main baseball park, which may include an extension to the current backstop.

Shaffer shared that the 4th of July committee has secured \$22,000 to be used for kitchen equipment in the new concession building.

Menk reported that the historic signs in Riverview Park are collecting moisture underneath the plastic cover. Kern would talk with Vital Signs about the best course of action.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm