

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schafer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda**

**Present:** Tom Schafer, Chris Runke, Sean Johnson, Jon Werth, Jessie Koch, and Joe Schleper, Jon Sutherland

**Absent:** Marnie Lucas, Sarah Berres,

**Also present:** Sabrina Hille, Administrative Intern; Kristin Borne, Landscape Structures. Ryan Schaust, Highland Ridge resident.

**3. Minutes**

**Motion by Runke and seconded by Werth to approve the minutes as presented for January 2019 and February 2019.**

A. January 2019 Minutes

B. February 2019 Minutes

**4. Order of Business**

A. Update on Hockey facility

Administrative Intern Hille gave an update on the hockey facility, which held a meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> and discussed location possibilities. The meeting allowed the group to look at locations and they are going to be working on more site plans. There was no decision made at the meeting.

B. Highland Ridge Park Discussion

Administrative Intern Hille gave a brief summary of the March 20<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting and what was proposed and discussed. Kristin Borne was there to answer additional questions. Borne added that Landscape Structures would also add the Spinner item as well to create a more accessible playground, and for residents in wheelchairs. If the park board gives a recommendation and council moves forward, the playground could be set to be up in May. Park board members who attended the neighborhood meeting gave updates and input on the feedback received. There was discussion of researching the asphalt basketball court. Koch made the comment that it was almost unclear to have a clear idea of what the neighborhood

decided on at the meeting. There was clear support from a sport court and playground stance, and there was support in either items. Ryan Schaust of the Highland Ridge Neighborhood, gave his perspective of older kids and younger kids needs. He wanted to be able to have both structures, but gave a preference for the sport court. Chairman Schafer wanted to create a park standard to follow for future parks and what they would consider a standard or amount to be used on a park. This would include a plan of what items would be included in parks relative to other park locations. There was support from the whole park board on this plan. The final discussion landed that a sport court would be used by a smaller number of people.

**Werth made the motion to recommend the Landscape Structures Super Netplex system, with additions and to make sure a sport court is set at priority; seconded by Runke. Motion passed.**

C. Litfin Park with Wright County Update

Administrative Intern Hille gave the update that the County Park Director and City of Staff are meeting to go over responsibilities and planning. Hille will return at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with updates on the park and plan.

D. Update on Grandstand improvements at main baseball stadium

Administrative Intern Hille gave an update on the Grandstand Improvements at Central Park. The lights have been installed, and final wiring is being completed. The Overhang is set to begin construction soon, weather dependent. The improvements are planned to be completed before the first baseball game.

E. Discuss West Area Park Locations

The discussion began by Hille requesting a better idea of how staff should be looking for areas, and to gain a background. Werth began by explaining the park would be used for a large sport complex, one that could hold tournaments. There is not a need for another Central Park, but to help support the growth of Sports teams. This park could also provide storage and additional space for Public Works. This park would need space for parking and guests to the city. Werth identified some land off of County Road 30 that is around 40 acres of useable land. The park board is looking for more information on the costs of land, and possible locations. This would mean looking for land outside of city limits to annex in, and to hope to have year-round uses. This item will be further discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

## 5. Other Business

## 6. Adjournment

Chair Schafer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M.