

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schafer called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

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

**Members Present:** Sarah Berres, Jessie Koch, Tom Schafer, Joe Schleper, Jonathan Werth, Sean Peterson

**Members Absent:** Chris Runke, Councilmember Jon Sutherland, Marnie Lucas

**Also present:** Phil Kern, City Administrator; Ada Moreno, Management Assistant; Kristin Borne, Landscape Structures, Jake Olson, High School Tennis Coach.

Joe Schleper requested to change the Agenda to add discussion of the Sport Courts to the Other Business section.

**Motion by Tom Schafer to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Berres; motion carried.**

**3. Minutes**

A. May 2019, Minutes

**Motion by Tom Schafer and seconded by Werth to approve the minutes as presented for May 2019.**

**4. Order of Business**

A. Landscape Structures Presentation

Kristin Borne presented a new playground structure LSI is looking to donate to the City. LSI is interested in installing the equipment in Big Rock Park for its centrality. The discussion revolved around rehabilitating the current playground equipment or completely replacing it. The approximate value of the new equipment is \$125,000, where LSI would also provide the installation and the City would provide the concrete and pay for any additional features added. The group expressed concern over replacing the current playground as Big Rock Park is beloved by the community and the new playground equipment is smaller than the current one. Borne added that a couple of spinners or a zip cruise could be added to fill the space. She also discussed how the equipment would be user friendly during winter months. The commission discussed that the new features and potential zipline could excite the community. City Administrator Kern suggested that Big Rock Park could be rehabilitated or relocated. He also added the new equipment could be installed in another location to attract more traffic. Borne

suggested replacing the current equipment, but presented different items that could be reconditioned if the group were interested in rehabilitating the park. The Commission discussed that costs for relocation and to add more features are significant. The Commission discussed the need for equipment in Woods Creek Park and Liberty Landing. Parkview Hills was also discussed as a viable option where the new equipment would fit well.

**Koch made the motion to go back to LSI to request Parkview Hills as the site for the new equipment with the port in place; seconded by Werth. Motion carried.**

B. Discuss potential tennis court site and lighting for the High School tennis courts

Jake Olson from Delano Schools discussed there is a need for an accessible area for tennis and pickle ball. He mentioned that in addition to fundraising, USTA could provide financial assistance to install the courts. City Administrator Kern added there is a desire to have a tennis court on the west side of Delano. Olson also addressed how having lightning in the High School tennis courts can make them more usable during later hours of the evening. Schleper mentioned the lighting was in the referendum and Werth inquired about lighting usage. Koch mentioned the Musco lighting system used in other cities that helps conserve energy. City Administrator Kern suggested DMU could be approached as they have donated and installed the lighting in the Hockey Rink as a community improvement project in the past. He added that if the Booster Club bought the lights DMU could potentially assist with the installation. Another option would be to get a quote from Musco lighting.

Kern will return at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with updates on the lighting and DMU.

C. City Park Priorities

This item will be further discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

## 5. Other Business

A. Sports Court Discussion

Schleper discussed the Youth Basketball Association is looking for a site in the City to donate a full sports court. Joe added they are looking for location that would be visible and accessible. The Commission discussed a site near Central Park or near the granite site as potential locations, and added that public owned lands by West River Road could also be potential sites for tennis courts and pickleball. Werth further inquired about the possibility of a tennis court with basketball hoops. Koch added the half courts could also be an option and that the City needs to balance having large playground and half courts for the neighborhood. The Commission inquired if the City was missing opportunities to put more amenities on sites that could be functional. City Administrator Kern discussed how the City seeks to have an equitable distribution of parks, with individually unique neighborhood parks that provide different amenities. The Commission commended the City's park system and noted that moving forward it will be important to better define the usage of space. The Commission discussed how it is

crucial to have park standards consistent with the size of neighborhood, and have a park system that is connected, accessible, and equally distributed.

B. Update on Public Art Project

This item will be further discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

C. Update on Splashpad Operations

This item will be further discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

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