

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DELANO  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Werth called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

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

**Members Present:** Jessie Koch, Joe Schleper, Jonathan Werth, Chris Runke, Jon Sutherland, Sarah Better, Tom Schafer, Marnie Lucas

**Members Absent:** Sean Peterson

**Also present:** Phil Kern, City Administrator; Molly Fleming, Management Assistant; Ada Moreno, Management Assistant

Joe Schleper requested to change the Agenda to add discussion of the Utility Box Art, Update on the Tree Replacement Grant, Court Replacement, Dog Parks and Memorial Benches to the Other Business section.

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

**3. Minutes**

**Motion by Tom Schafer and seconded by Jessie Koch to approve the minutes as presented for July 2019.**

**4. Order of Business**

A. Capital Plan Review

The Commission reviewed the Capital Plan. Upon discussion of future park names, Phil suggested using the name of the neighborhoods in which they are located in or after street names. Joe suggested that this would be a good opportunity to get public input as new signs are placed and park names are reconsidered. The Commission thought it would be best to integrate this into the Park Signage project planned for 2020. Park projects that don't get completed this year will be moved into the planned projects for 2020. Phil also discussed that Highland Ridge Park would be receiving a total of 20 trees from another location within the city.

**Motion by Jessie Koch to approve Capital Plan as amended, seconded by Sarah Berres; motion carried.**

B. Liberty Landing Park Plan

Phil presented the landscaping that will be going into the Liberty Landing Park. He discussed that sidewalks and trail works will begin on October 7. He discussed the play area is 50x90 and mentioned playground equipment has not yet been picked out. The park also includes a half-court for basketball. Future installation of playground equipment is planned for Spring 2020, and the trails will be completed in Fall 2019. A 20-foot wide path has already been cut and will be reseeded with turf grass. There is also opportunity to place benches by the river way. Phil discussed that the best route to get rid of the weeds in the area will be to periodically mow it in order to have natural grass grow. No motorized vehicles will be allowed in the park.

#### C. Review Map of Delano's Park Features

Chair Werth presented an interactive park map he developed that could facilitate the interaction of the community with park and playground facilities. The map includes different types of facilities and their location. This will provide a good resource for residents or visitors who aren't as familiar with the City's Park System. Marnie suggested this would be a great resource to put on the City website. Sarah added that including different amenities like the Dog Way Stations would also be useful. The Commission discussed that adding names to the different parks and fields would also facilitate the search for users. Phil discussed the potential of integrating the map into a GIS story map.

#### D. Big Rock Park Rehabilitation Update

Phil presented LSI's proposal for Big Rock Park's Rehabilitation Project. Phil discussed that most of the decks are in bad condition. The Commission opted for having them replaced. The cost to replace the decks is \$6,000. The shade structure's fabric is also planned to be replaced but will be pressured washed first. The proposal also includes the replacement of nets, window bubbles, and a black netting system to replace the red plastic monkey bars. The benches will be kept but their seats and backrests will be replaced. A zip cruise with pod seats is proposed to be installed for \$24,585. total rehabilitation of the park would amount to \$37,239. The Commission is excited for the changes and looks forward to the park's rehabilitation.

**Motion by Sarah Berres to move forward with the proposal presented by LSI to rehabilitate Big Rock Park; seconded by Joe Schleper; motion carried.**

#### E. Parkview Hills Play Area Opportunity

Phil discussed the playground equipment donation from LSI for Parkview Hills. He discussed the City of Montrose is interested in purchasing the current park equipment. The new equipment is planned to be installed October 28.

**The Commission recommends accepting LSI's playgroup equipment donation.**

#### F. Skating/Hockey Facility Planning

Phil discussed his meeting with hockey stakeholders to talk about potential ice rink locations in Central Park. The concept plans include a community rink, a competitive rink and a warming

house that could also be used during the summer. This building could potentially serve for storage purposes for the city and other groups. Phil mentioned that some trees would have to be removed to make room for the rinks, but said that due to the drain pipes on site and the added water, several of those trees are already in bad condition. He suggested that a pond could be excavated out as well to use as a public skating area. The Commission discussed the project's impact on the fourth of July Parade. Phil discussed the potential of removing rink boards during the parade to make it more open, but will wait to engage with the four of July Committee for further discussion. Joe questioned if the amount of parking available would be enough for the added facilities. Phil suggested that having a drop off area by the Ice Rinks would ease parking needs. He mentioned that the project would require changing operations to include the added facilities, and the increased usage and traffic. Phil discussed having one monument that could include the all the park donors in the location. The Commission liked the plan presented and will wait for further updates before the discussion continues.

## 5. Other Business

### A. Discuss schedule of upcoming Parks and Rec meetings

The Commission suggested that November and December meetings will be merged. The meeting date will be December 11.

**Motion by Chair Werth to merge November and December meeting dates, seconded by Sarah Berres; motion carried.**

### B. Discuss neighborhood park by Merriman Dr

Chair Werth discussed the lack of quality neighborhood parks by Merriman Dr. The Commission added that the number of day cares located on the street and would benefit from having a park in closer proximity. The lack of available land for a potential park site was brought to discussion. Phil suggests a future park in the area could have new playground equipment. Phil suggest researching for potential site acquisition

**Motion by Chair Werth to have the City search for land opportunities for Merriman Park; seconded by Chris Runke; motion carried.**

### C. Utility Box Art

### D. Update on the Tree Replacement Grant

Phil provided an update on the grant process for the tree replacement plan. The City has applied to replace 24 Ash trees and has requested \$14,000 in grant funding, with an estimated project date of 2020.

### E. Tennis Court Replacement

The Commission discussed the possibility of having a tennis court located on the Western side

of town. Chair Werth discussed the Greywood Development could be a good potential location for the courts. The Commission discussed the placing the tennis or pickle ball court in West Delano would spread the park amenities across town. The Commission agreed to have tennis courts as future plan project to be determined at a later date.

#### F. Dog Parks

The Commission discussed potential Dog Park locations. This item is currently included in the Litfin Plan study. Chair Werth suggests Dog Parks can also be tied to the broader discussion dealing with Park Requirements.

#### G. Memorial Benches

Jon Sutherland suggested that budgeting for memorial benches and prepping site location could attract interest from potential sponsor. Sarah Berres suggests that discussions for potential bench locations could be scheduled for 2020. Chair Werth suggests that this discussion can also be tied to the broader discussion dealing with Park Requirements.

### **6. Adjournment**

**Parks and Recreation Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by Chair Werth.**

Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is on October 23 at 5 P.M.