

MINUTES
Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board
March 26, 2019– 7:00 PM – Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

In Attendance: Susan Collins, Bob King; Mark Mernone, Mary Werch; Ryan Coon (Council liaison), and Councilperson Curt Pion. Absent: Amy Jarnigan, Ken Matteson, and Dan Oberender

1. Called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Mary Werch.
2. New Board member Susan Collins was introduced, provided a brief description of her background and interests, and welcomed to the Board.
3. Approval of agenda
Motion: Bob was appointed as the temporary secretary to record tonight's minutes, and the agenda was approved for tonight's meeting as published. Motion made by: Mark, seconded by: Susan. The vote was 4-0
4. Approve minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting
Motion: Approved minutes from the last meeting. Motion made by: Bob, seconded by: Mark. The vote was 4-0
5. Public communications
Discussion: Bob gave an update on the Healthy Hometown activities.
6. Recommendation for the Lumberyard property
Motion: Moved to plant a large "Christmas-ready" tree, (a Norfolk Pine was suggested) to be appropriately placed in the Lumberyard property to allow lighting during future Christmas seasons. Motion made by: Susan, seconded by Mark. The vote was 4-0
Discussed: Curt presented a rough concept of a 24'x64'x14' Pavilion to be placed parallel to, and on the east side of the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT). He is working on a REAP grant due in August to fund a portion of this Pavilion. The Board members approved of the overall design, and encouraged him to build the largest feasible pavilion for use with the Farmer's Markets and future city activities. It was decided that inside the pavilion would not be suitable location for an ice skating rink.
7. Recommendation for tennis court practice boards
Motion: Moved to purchase the longest possible 10' tall Rally Master Practice Board set at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Bob was to complete the research on (a) obtaining the best possible price and (b) the decision to order either a flat, or a curved backboard. The motion was made by Mary and seconded by Sue. The vote was 4-0.
8. Consideration of submitting an AARP grant.
Discussion: After a robust discussion, we decided to do the preliminary planning and to create and submit an AARP grant for 50% of the anticipated costs for connecting the current south end of 8th Street to the RRVT.
Motion: Moved to ask the City Council to approve designing and constructing a 5' wide trail that meets ADA and neighboring property owner requirements from the south end of 8th Street to the RRVT, with the city matching the money provided by AARP for this trail. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Bob. The vote was 4-0.

9. Appoint representatives from the Board to attend the Dallas County Foundation award ceremony.

Discussion: This event is to accept the check from the Foundation for our grant to upgrade the softball concession stand, dugout roofs, and interiors of restrooms in Burnett, Mound, and Memorial parks. Mary and Susan agreed to represent us.

10. Set the opening date for the swimming pool.

Discussion: It was recommended that someone take a video (for use in promoting a new pool) of the conditions found by the staff as they prepare to open the pool this year.

Motion: Moved to open the pool Saturday, June 1 if possible, and to have the pool open in the early evenings (if possible) until school is over. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Bob. The vote was 4-0.

11. Approval to purchase a new microphone for the swimming pool (if necessary).

Discussion: We were not sure if a new microphone was needed, but if so, it needed to be purchased before the pool opened.

Motion: Moved to authorize up to \$300 (if needed) to get the microphone and public announcement system running at the pool. The motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mark. The vote was 4-0.

12. Recommend to the City Council the approval of Skate Board operators.

Motion: Moved to recommend Brianne Kiley and Jill Bejarno as skating rink operators. If other qualified applicants appear (the closing date for applications has not yet passed), it was understood that more people may be hired, but that in no case were more than two operators at a time to be present, and those present were to be paid up to \$12.00 per hour. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Susan. The vote was 4-0.

13. Consider recommendations for the new city web page.

Discussion: All members of the Board were encouraged to review the new Parks and Recreation related pages on the new website and to pass along any suggestions for improvement to Mary.

14. Adjourn