

Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

12/05/17 Minutes

In Attendance: Merle Baer; Amy Jarnigan (guest); Robert King; Ken Matteson; Mark Mernone (guest); Ryan Pearson (City Council Representative); Mary Werch

1. Call to order-Mary

2. Approval of agenda

a. **Motion-** Approve agenda (**motion made by:** Merle; **Motion seconded by:** Bob)

b. **Results-** Approved (4-0)

3. Approve minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting

a. **Discussion-** none

b. **Motion-** Approve minutes from November 2017 meeting (**Motion made by:** Bob; **Seconded by:** Merle)

c. **Results-** Approved (4-0)

4. Public communications-

Mary did state that the tree that was planted at Memorial Park last month was stolen. The person who did this apparently dug out the tree, filled the hole back in and then put the mulch back down that had been spread around the tree.

Amy Jarnigan, who is involved with the Home Base Iowa initiative, spoke to the board regarding some possible ways that we could be involved in the initiative. Some months ago, the board had decided to give some passes to the program, however Amy indicated that it's not so much free passes as perhaps discounted passes. Home Base Iowa is also interested in encouraging veterans to not only locate to Iowa when they leave the military but also getting involved in those communities. Mary will add Amy to the January 2018 meeting agenda.

5. Donation of Tree-Mound Park

a. **Discussion-** Kay Moss and family would like to donate a Magnolia tree from their old homestead and have it transplanted in Mound Park. Since one was recently taken out this could replace it. The Moss family will cover the expenses of getting the tree transplanted.

b. **Motion-** The board recommends that the donation of the tree for Mound Park by the Moss family be accepted. (**Motion made by:** Bob; **Seconded by:** Merle)

c. **Results-** Approved (4-0)

6. Changing Stations for Trailhead Restrooms- No new news to report Ken will research prices

7. Grant Applications

a. **Discussion** – Bob reviewed the various grants that would be available for the board to apply for and that would be helpful in the projects that the board would like to see done such as the repairs and updating to the Concession Stand and Dugouts at the Burnett Complex (apprx cost \$15,000) as well as Tennis Court Project (apprx cost \$60,000). These are matching grants and so the other portion would need to come from the city which will be requested in the budget. The two key grants would be from the Dallas County Foundation and Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant. It was discussed that it may also be helpful to contact companies such as Louisville Slugger, etc that manufacture equipment specifics to these sports to see if they may have some grants available as well.

b. **Motion 1-** Move that a grant request be submitted to the Dallas County Foundation for \$7500.00 with the matching \$7500.00 to come from the city. (**Motion made by:** Bob; **Seconded by:** Merle)

c. **Results-** Approved (4-0)

d. **Motion 2-** Move that a grant request be submitted to the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant board for \$30,000.00 with the matching to come from the city. (**Motion made by:** Merle; **Motion seconded by:** Bob)

e. **Results:** Approved (4-0)

8. Budget Request for 2018-2019 fiscal year

a. **Discussion-** In reviewing the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, there was discussion as to if we should allocate any of the Burnett Funds (\$30,000 for the upcoming year) in case the city were to deny our request related to the matching funds for the grant proposal for the tennis court or should another project arise. There is concern about including the Burnett Funds in the budget and the need to be judicious with those. The goal would be to not have to use them

b. **Motion-** Motion to approve P & R Board budget for FY 2018-2019 as proposed with the allocation of \$30,000 to be included in the budget.

c. **Results-** Approved (3 in favor-Bob, Mary and Ken; 1 opposed-Merle)

13. Adjourn- adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting will be 01/02/18 7pm at Roy R Estle Library.