

Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

01/02/18 Minutes

In Attendance: Ben Chiohon (guest); Amy Jarnigan (guest); Robert King; Ken Matteson; Dan Oberender; Kathy Pantzar; Mary Werch

Absent: Merle Baer; Mallory Brown

1. Call to order-Mary

2. Approval of agenda

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

b. **Results-** Approved (5-0)

3. Election of officers.

a. **Motion** – Approve Mary Werch as President. (**Motion made by:** Bob; **Seconded:** by Kathy)

b. **Results:** Motion approved (5-0)

c. **Motion-** to approve Robert King, Vice President. (**Motion made by:** Kathy; **Seconded by:** Ken)

d. **Results:** Motion approved (5-0)

e. **Motion** – to approve Ken Matteson as Secretary. (**Motion made by:** Kathy; **Seconded by:** Bob)

f. **Results:** Motion approved (5-0)

4. Set Meeting Time-

Meeting have been held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7PM. at the Library, and will continue.

5. Approve minutes of December 5th 2017 meeting

a. **Motion-** approved minutes of mtg. (**motion by:** Bob; **seconded by:** Kathy)

c. **Results-** Approved (5-0)

6. Public Communications

Discussion: Bob informed the board that the Rotary is trying to come up with shelters and one to be placed one mile north of town and the other to be placed south of town. Still within city limits and along the bike trail. This would provide shelter for bikers and visitors on the trail.

Mary advised that we have received a request to have a family pool pass donated to the prom committee that would be auctioned off at the first home game in February. Since this is not on the agenda for tonight's meeting, we cannot take action, however, in order to facilitate this request, we have decided to have a special meeting to discuss this matter. This meeting will be held on February 16th, 2018.

Ken provided an update for the research on the changing tables at the trail head restrooms. It would appear Koala changing tables are a better product and the approximate cost on Amazon is, \$250.00 each.

7. Home Based Iowa

a. **Discussion** –Amy Jarnigan discussed on how we might be able to participate in project Iowa Home Based Iowa. One consideration was to offer discounted pool passes for Veterans and those actively serving. Another possibility was to encourage local businesses and others to offer discounts to Veterans with proper Identification. Another possibility would be to encourage organizers of events that use the bike trail to offer discounts to Veterans and military personnel in those events. Since the latter two are not in our control, we will discuss the pool pass.

b. **Motion 1-** As a part of the Home Base Iowa, we will offer 10% off the current rate of the family pool pass to Veterans and those families in the military with proper ID. (**Motion made by:** Ken; **Seconded by:** Kathy)

c. **Results-** Approved (5-0)

8. Approve contract with ISU

a. **Discussion-** We received the updated contract for the master plan development for the parks by Iowa State.

b. **Motion-** to approve contract. (**Motion made by:** Kathy; **Seconded by:** Dan)

c. **Results-** Approved (5-0)

9. Grant applications approval

a. **Discussion:** Bob is working on finalizing the grant applications for both Dallas County and the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant. The grant application that is due the soonest is the Dallas County Foundation Grant. Bob reviewed the grant proposal and he is working on trying to get to the Softball board and the Baseball board to provide some data to be included in the application since this application will be for the repairs to the concession stand and dugouts at the Burnett Sports Complex.

In the Prairie Meadows grant application, which addresses the tennis court project, we are going to include removable posts and a backboard as well as the court makings. Since there is some discussion about possibly using the tennis court as an ice rink in the winter which would make the use year around this may show the versatility of the project to the grant review committee.

b. **Motion:** Approve the grant to be submitted to the Dallas County Community Foundation with the intent and format as presented yet with the understanding that there we are working on obtaining some data to be included in the application. (**Motion made by:** Ken; **Seconded by:**Kathy)

c. **Results:** Approved (5-0)

10. Skate Rink on tennis court

a. Discussion: Ben Chiohon approached the board with the idea of having a community skating rink. Ben is a professional fundraiser and has had some talks with the Iowa Wild about helping sponsor such an endeavor. One of the possible locations would be on the tennis court. The ice rink can easily be set up and for the season, and all that would be needed would be the right temperature and the water for it. The equipment for the rink (liner, etc.) is easily stored and there appears to be an interest for having an accessible skating rink. The overall cost is approximately \$3000. Each skater would need to provide their own ice skates. The liner under the ice may have to be replaced every year which costs approximately \$200-\$300. Since the location could be possibly be in the tennis court it could be included as a part of the Prairie Meadows grant request.

b. **Motion:** Include Ice Rink proposal in the Prairie Meadows grant application (**motion made by:** Bob; **seconded by:** Kathy)

c. **Results:** Approved (5-0)

11. Meeting Adjourned

Special meeting to be held on 01/16/18 at 7pm and then the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on 02/06/18 at 7 pm each at the Estle Memorial Library.