

## **Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**

The Board meeting was held on January 5, 2021 beginning at 7:00 P.M.. It was held in person (with masks and adequate social distancing) in the American Legion Hall, 1502 Walnut Street.

**In Attendance:** Mary Werch, Bob King, Ken Matteson, Nadine Stille, Gary Licht, Amy Jarnagin

**Absent:** Susan Collins

**Guests:** Julie Becker and Bob Haxton

1. Call to order.
2. Moved to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting (**Motion made by: Gary Licht and seconded by Nadine Stille. Approved 6-0**)
3. Appointed Bob King as temporary secretary.
4. Moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting (**Motion made by: Bob King and seconded by Gary. Approved 6-0**)
5. Election of officers followed after discussion revealed that the existing officers would agree to continue another year if elected. (**Amy Jarnagin nominated Mary Werch to be the Chair, Ken Matteson to be the Vice-Chair, and Susan Collins to be the Secretary. Gary seconded. Approved 6-0**)

### 6. Public communications

Discussion: Julie Becker requested the number of users of park facilities before and after Covid. She was told that this data is not collected since it would involve paying a person to count the users on a regular basis.

The Board held a general discussion of the upcoming Ice Bob Open-House. Bob and Marilyn King will be donating the S'more ingredients to this event.

7. Discussed, then moved to donate a family pool pass to the DCG After Prom committee auction (**Motion made by: Amy and seconded by Ken. Approved 6-0**)

8. The Board considered possible actions on reduced price pre-season family pool passes. In general, it decided to recommend past practice until we have a better understanding of the status of Covid-19 with the understanding that if the pool is not open close to a normal season, the money paid for pre-season passes would be partially or completely returned.

**(Amy moved and Gary seconded that we would offer early bird preseason family passes for \$85, continue to offer veterans a 10% discount preseason and during the season, and offer a nanny pass for \$25 if purchased along with a family pass. Approved 6-0)**

9. The Board discussed their recommendations for salaries for the pool manager. **(Amy moved and Nadine seconded the motion to pay the manager \$15 per hour plus \$0.25 per hour for each year of relevant experience. Approved 6-0)**

10. The Board discussed and took action on a proposal for rental of the ice-skating rink, access to the skate shed, and service by a skate manager. During the discussion Amy offered to donate a speaker for use at the rink. It was decided that we would follow the general procedures used to rent the roller-skating facilities using a form suggested by Mary Werch. **(Bob moved and Amy seconded that we recommend a fee of \$30 per hour when the rink is not already scheduled and we have a manager available to provide access to the shed. Approved 6-0)**

11. The Board discussed adopting a timeline with recommended funding sources for long-term parks updates and plans. They decided to continue this discussion at a special meeting to be scheduled January 19 at the Legion Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M. Each member was asked to review the ISU long-term recommendations for each park and to come to this meeting with at least two (2) ideas proposed by ISU and supported by the member for each park and at least two (2) ideas proposed by ISU that would not be a high priority this decade. We agreed to supplement city funds with grant awards where possible.

Since time was of the essence, **(Ken moved and Gary seconded that Bob would be asked to prepare a grant application for the Dallas County Foundation to (in priority order): A) Create an 18' x 18' shelter with a concrete floor south of the new sidewalk and north of the concession stand; B) Create an 8' wide sidewalk extending north of the new sidewalk and out to the physically challenged parking spots at the south end of the parking lot and to include at least one wide concrete parking area able to hold a van with wheelchair access; and C) Equip the two youth soccer fields that are east of the softball fields and west of the berm with suitable sized soccer nets (in three cases) and a new frame and net in the fourth case. Approved 6-0)**

12. Meeting adjourned