

Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board
March 2, 2021, 7:00 PM 1105 Maple St., Dallas Center

The Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board met in electronic meeting via Zoom March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynold's January 7, 2021, updated Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which among other matters, encouraged all vulnerable Iowans to limit their activities outside of their home including their participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose. The Governor further suspended state laws requiring a public meeting or hearing to the extent the laws could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present for an in-person location of the meeting, providing the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically.

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

Absent: Susan Collins

AGENDA

1. Call to order – Mary 7:01pm.
2. Mary motioned for Bob to be secretary. Nadine volunteered over Bob. Nadine appointed secretary for the March 2nd, 2021 meeting.
3. Approval of agenda. Moved to approve- Amy, Seconded- Gary. Passed 6 -0
4. Approve minutes of February 4, 2021. Moved to approve- Bob, Seconded- Nadine. Passed 6 -0
5. Public communications –

Julie Becker- Reiterated concern for green space in the parks.

Nadine Stille- Farmers Market starting up again soon.

Bob King- Rotary- trees/ greenery surrounding the Spurgeon manor exercise equipment that is going in.

Gary Licht- Response to Bob King on what can go next to Rotary Bench area and near the exercise equipment.

Amy Jarnagin- Suggestion for next year-Regular Checking on the ice for next year- get orange cones for the ice rink for holes that develop. Additionally, watching the ice when there is no supervision, but skating is allowed with personal skates.

6. Discussion and possible action on Seasonal Fun Committee use of ice skate shed during the Easter Celebration.

a. What do they want to use it for? They want to use it for the Easter Bunny/ put the candy in there.

b. Bob King will speak with Seasonal Fun Committee about logistics.

Moved to approve- Ken Moved to allow them to use, as long as there is someone in the shed while they're using it to make sure no skates walk off. Seconded verbatim by Gary. Passed 6 -0

7. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to finalizing priority list for park upgrades and improvements.

Mary listed off the current priority list items that has been submitted by current board and council members.

Gary asked questions about the priority list and provided his listed items to Mary.

Ken provided his listed items to Mary.

Basketball Court and resurfacing parking lot, youth soccer fields, and pavilion all have 4 votes.

Natural play area, trail surface in Burnett, and grass under the rink all have 3 votes.

This answers the "what do we do right now" question. Does this answer our long-range question on what do we do long term? General consensus is that it does not do that.

What we should do moving forward-

List out each park

What are our goals for each park in 2 years-

What are our goals for each park in 5 years-

What are our goals for each park in 10 years-

We've got a good list of projects that we can pass on to City Council, but it seems they are wanting more than just a list of projects, they are wanting more of an outlined plan.

We should be looking at moving forward with what long term plans we are wanting to do in each park overall.

No vote held, tabled discussion until Saturday Special meeting. Bob will also attempt to send this out list of items one more time for ranking.

8. Update on status of preseason pool passes.

Put this off another month. Where can sell these? City will readdress this as to whether they will sell preseason passes.

Next month going to readdress cost of admission/ cost of preseason passes.

Council will provide recommendation and the board can go from there.

No action required.

9. Report from Susan on program to recycle plastic bags.

Susan was not in attendance. Will provide update at next meeting.

No action required.

10. Report from Amy on cost for alternative basketball court location.

Discussion on quotes for the basketball court in Mound Park-

How many parking spots do you expect to be there? That's going to determine the size of the lot.

Ongoing discussion of proposals on how to configure the parking lot including how many cars could fit if there was straight on parking vs parking at 75 degree angle. If there is a 75 degree angle, likely that it requires an entrance and an exit though, which takes up more space.

Ultimately, board decided it makes more sense to hold a special meeting to review the current parking lot in mound park to review what to request for quotes on the parking lot and basketball court in Mound Park.

Additional Question- What's underneath the asphalt?

South parking lot doesn't have a good base underneath it. Unsure what's underneath the North parking lot. It looks like it might've had something better underneath it. Perhaps soft top, but unlikely that it's concrete.

No action required.

11. Additional item-

Special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6th at Mound Park Gazebo at 9am. Agenda items to include parking lot questions in Mound Park, and Basketball location in Mound Park discussion for purposes of Amy acquiring quotes from contractors. And survey through 10 things for priority list of all board members. No other agenda items for the special meeting on Saturday.

12. Mary Adjourned at 8:07pm.