

The Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board met in electronic meeting via Zoom April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynold's April 2, 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.

Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board

APRIL 6, 2021 MINUTES

1. Call to order- 7:00pm.
2. Roll Call- Present: Mary Werch, Nadine Stille, Bob King, Ken Matteson, Amy Jarnagin, Gary Licht. Absent: None.
3. Appoint new secretary- Nadine Stille Appointed. Motion to approve by Mary, 2nd by Bob. Passed 6-0.
4. Approval of agenda. Amy Moved. Gary 2nd. Passed 6-0.
5. Approve minutes of March 2nd, 6th, 24th, 2021. Amy Moved. Mary 2nds. Passed 6-0.
6. Public communications [2 minute limit each].
 - a. Bob Haxton had questions on park and city salary increases.
 - b. Bob King invited all out to help with brush cutting on April 10th.
 - c. Gary Licht added public comment on dead pine tree in Mount Park, making sure it was being taken care of.
 - d. Julie Becker lodged complaint about alcohol consumption in Mound Park. Would like to know who else was considered for the skating rink jobs. Had questions about the salaries about life guards for pools. Last, had questions about putting in a hard surface for ice rink in Heritage Park and requested that the Parks and Rec board instead maintain green space.
7. Skating rink discussion and possible action
 - a. Recommendations to City Council on hiring Nicole Waller, Darla MacConnell and Jill Bejarno
 - b. Increase of salary- Currently at \$12, wanting to increase it to 12.50.
Discussion: Can only one person work? Probably need two people working at the same time. At least two people need to work at the same time for sure. Need to hire at least three people to cover the work. The three people who have applied are currently the only three applications that have been received. Discussion on whether to keep them at \$12/ hour or to increase wage to \$12.50/ hour.
Bob Moves to recommend Nicole, Darla, and, Jill at \$12.50. Nadine 2nds. Passed 5:1 [Yes: Mary, Bob, Nadine, Gary, Ken; No: Amy].
8. Swimming pool discussion and possible action
 - a. Salary recommendations for assistant manager and life guards
Current pay is guards start at \$9 per hour, with 25 cents per hour increase per year that they've served.
Discussion on current surrounding lifeguard pay.
Ken motions to make base pay \$9.50 for life guards, and \$12.50 for assistant manager, with a 25 cent raise per year of experience for both positions. Gary 2nds. Passed 6-0.
 - b. Set rate for pool admission. City has recommended \$3 per session (sessions are 2 hours).
Gary motions for \$2 per session. Nadine 2nds. Passed 6-0.
9. Raccoon River Valley Trail discussion and possible action
 - a. Accept donation tree to be placed near the Dallas Center Rotary bench
One would be spaded in, and four need planted in memory of Bob and Marilyn Kings four parents. Five total trees.
Amy motions to accept the trees, Ken 2nds. Passed 6-0.
 - b. Approve removal of trees and brush along west side of trail.
Begin clearing the stuff on April 10th, and do more removal as needed.
Amy motions to approve. Nadine 2nds. Passed 6-0.
10. Heritage Park
 - a. Discussion and possible action on placing hard surface under the area for the ice skating rink
Discussion on seeding Heritage park.
Ken and Bob to reach out to get more info on grass seed.
No action taken.
11. Discussion and possible action of working with Dallas Center PTO to hold town bike ride in May
Bob wanting to get everyone out to ride from on park to the other.

Bike between the parks.

Ken recommends that we (Parks and Rec) tell the PTO that they move forward with exploring possibility of putting together bike ride through Parks of Dallas Center sponsored by PTO of Dallas Center Schools in cooperation with Dallas Center Parks and Rec. Everyone agreeable. (Not on May 15th that's the grand opening for the library).

12. Review results of survey on parks priorities- Defer to May.

13. Final Remarks-

- a. Soft top in Mound Park was delivered.
- b. Non-verbal signs are in in both parks.
- c. Ball fields are very popular.
- d. Bacocon ride is coming through on June 19th.
- e. June 26th there's a challenge ride is coming through.
- f. Estimates from Amy- Questions on the parking lot- do we want to keep the space as is, or wide it to add a third row in the middle or shrink it to make it smaller and add green space back into the park to allow for the two rows that there. Happy compromise from Gary? 70 feet wide, give back 20 feet of green space. Everyone agreeable to that. Amy will continue to get estimates based on that discussion.
- g. Further remarks on alcohol in parks to address earlier public comment- Beer and Wine are not alcohol under the laws of the state and are allowed to be consumed in public parks. Any requests by the public to further limit their consumption in parks should be direction at City Council, not at the parks and rec board.

14. Adjourn at 8:53pm.