

Cameron Park Board Meeting

May 24, 2012

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Jason Jones

Jennifer Helmich

Michael Teegarden

Rob Balliett

Amy Ford

Krista Helton

Members Absent:

Matt Jameson

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director

Steve Garr, Parks Director

Chris Johnson, Cameron Citizen Observer

David Fry, City Council Member

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of December Minutes

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting; seconded by Mr. Balliett. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Public Participation

None

Treasury Report

Mr. Teegarden asked Mr. Bontrager if the Board could receive a more detailed report of the finances that were spent. That way he can see what the funds were spent for and if there were any *out of the ordinary* expenses.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he will provide supplemental detail with the treasurer's report in future meetings.

There were no other comments.

Director/Foreman Report

Schedule Change

Mr. Garr asked the Board for a temporary schedule change for the fall. Mr. Garr has been asked to be an Assistant Football Coach for the 2012 football season. Mr. Garr stated that he will make up the time he will miss and still maintain a 40 hour workweek.

Mr. Jones made a motion to allow Mr. Garr to adjust his schedule for the fall to leave at 3:00pm in order to be an assistant football coach; Seconded by Mr. Teegarden. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Attendance Policy

During the May 5, 2012 meeting, the Park Board Attendance policy was questioned. Mr. Bontrager reviewed *policy* and said that on June 5, 2008 the Board voted that a member would be dismissed if they missed three consecutive meetings without extenuating circumstances.

Swimming Pool

An audit was performed by the YUSA on the Cameron YMCA to see how the YMCA is performing. During the audit, it was discovered that the YMCA loses money by managing the swimming pool. Mary Jo Eiberger wanted to inform the Park Board that there may be an increase in expenses this year because they now have to charge for administrative and miscellaneous services, i.e. answering the phone, dealing with customer complaints outside the pool, etc. The expenses could be as high as \$15,000. In the past, Mary Jo Eiberger has donated some of her time to help manage the pool and that donated time will now have to be billed out.

The YMCA and City will be looking into an increase in the prices for the 2012 and future swim seasons. This decision is not yet definite.

Ms. Helton asked about raising the prices for the people who live outside the City limits.

Mr. Gimson stated that the idea has been discussed before but the cons always outweighed the pros. The idea could be a discussion point in the future.

Ms. Eiberger has communicated to the City that the sale of pool passes is higher than normal.

Mr. Garr stated that the touch-up painting and yearly maintenance has been completed. The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend; Saturday, May 26, 2012.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the YMCA has asked if the \$10,500 yearly management fee could be split up into three equal payments, the first of July, the first of August and end of season, to help with expenses.

Mr. Balliett made a motion to split the \$10,500 yearly management fee into three equal payments; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Old Business

Old Band Shell

During the May 5, 2012 meeting, the Old Band Shelter located by the swimming pool was discussed. The Board discussed the ideas of fixing up the shelter and converting it to a picnic area or the possibility of a racquetball court.

Mr. Bontrager and Mr. Garr looked at the shelter and stated that there is not feasible way to convert the shelter into a racquetball court. Their recommendation is to tear out the interior walls to open up the shelter and re-paint the walls so it looks presentable. The memorial plaque would be left on the wall. Removing the walls would make a nice open area for use and would also be cost effective.

Mr. Jones asked about tearing down the band shell.

Mr. Gimson stated that something needs done with the building but the City needs to talk to the family before tearing it down since it was donated by a family. Tearing it down without the family's consent could cause an issue.

Mr. Gimson would like to approach the family and talk to them about tearing it down. They may want to entertain the idea of building another building somewhere else.

Mr. Teegarden would like to talk to the Compton family about what to do with the building and a possible relocation.

Park Planning

The park planning discussion has been ongoing for many years. Something definite needs to be decided so the park system can grow and have a plan for continued maintenance.

Ms. Ford stated that she would like to put together a group of people, including the Park Board and individuals from the community, to develop a long range plan.

Mr. Gimson would like to start out by putting together a group of the Park Board and City Staff and then branch out from there. Mr. Gimson also expressed that putting the plan together in-house will take much longer than if it is hired out.

Mr. Gimson stated that maintaining and improving what the City already has is as important as new developments.

Ms. Ford would like to look towards people in the community who have certain skills, i.e. engineers, to lay out a simple starter plan.

Mr. Gimson stated that the group size will have to start out small and slowly grow if the Board wants to accomplish anything.

Mr. Gar would like the list to include maintenance plans for the current facilities – along with new expansion ideas.

Mr. Bontrager stated that it is important to look at long range planning – 10 or more years down the road.

Each member of the Board is to compile a list of 10 items for improvement/expansion to bring to the July meeting.

New Business

Budget for FY 2012-2013

Mr. Bontrager reported that there are no major increases or decreases in the line items.

Mr. Garr needs aeration equipment to order to maintain the soccer fields and other ball fields properly. The cost on the new equipment will be approximately \$8,000.

Mr. Bontrager would like to look at the possibility of a new bathroom facility at Recreation Park. A nice, new bathroom facility would cost approximately \$45,000.

Mr. Jones asked about making the new bathroom, or another building, a type of storm safety shelter where kids coming out of the swimming pool will have somewhere to go and wait for their parents in case of a storm.

Mr. Bontrager stated that an enclosed *shelter* will be an area of concern for vandalism. In the proposal from Larkin Aquatics, they included an idea for a type of shelter.

Mr. Bontrager stated that after the bathrooms are built at Beavers Park, the Board will have a better idea about cost.

Sand Volleyball Court

Mr. Jones asked about the possibility of getting new sand for the sand volleyball court.

Mr. Garr stated that the sand has been replaced.

Mr. Garr also stated that the lighting project at Recreation Park will hopefully improve the lighting at the volleyball court.

Mr. Jones stated that lighting might need to be installed specifically for the sand volleyball court. He feels that if there is better lighting, the court will be used more frequently.

Skate Park

There has been vandalism at the Skate Park where a truck drove through the soccer fields. The video of the vandalism has been turned over to the Cameron Police Department.

Flyers through the Insurance We-Tip Program have been put up offering a \$1,000 reward if any information leads to catching the person who caused the vandalism.

The Board suggested placing an ad in the Newspaper.

Since the accident, the cameras have been tweaked to encompass more of the area and to get better resolution.

Miscellaneous

Project Spending

Ms. Ford requested that before the Board enters into another project she would like to know the exact amount of money spent.

Trails

Mr. Bontrager stated that the City has applied for a trails grant of \$100,000. If received, the City will have to match half in order to receive the money.

Mr. Bontrager recommends utilizing the work release program for the maintenance of the trails system.

Adjourn

Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Ford and seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Next meeting of the Park Board will be June 28, 2012 at Recreation Park (weather permitting).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Chris O'Donnell
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