

Cameron Park Board Meeting
March 31, 2016
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

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Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson
Al Briggs
Wendy Copple
Ruth Hammontree
Jennifer Helmich
Jason Jones
~~Garrin Sybert~~ *was not present*
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Cory Brown

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director	Darlene Breckenridge – City Council
Steve Garr	Lynn Rogers – City Council
Mark Gaugh – City Manager	Andy Smith – Larkin Aquatics
Dennis Clark – City Council	Tori Marshall – Cameron Newspaper
Ronnie Jack – City Council	

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of February 25, 2016 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Public Participation

None

Treasurer's Report

No comment.

Director/Foreman's Report

Recreation Park Band Shell

The Recreation Park band shell demolition was completed on March 18, 2016 by Duffy Reynolds Construction. The area will be cleaned up and backfilled with dirt within the next week. The project was budgeted at \$6,000; however, the complete demolition, including the slab, cost \$5,500. Two plaques on the structure were saved. Stan Hendrix of the Cameron Historical Society stated that they will store/display the plaques at their building until a future opportunity to display the plaques is available. The contractor will look at the ditch from the adjoining neighbor's backyard while on-site.

Volleyball Courts

The sidewalks have been completed at the Volleyball Courts. The new sidewalk distance to out of bounds line on the volleyball court was verified by staff to meet safety requirements for safe distance play. The distance is also the exact size of the ice skating rink and is completely level.

At this time, staff is looking into removing/relocating the parking spaces directly in front of the new sidewalk. The new recycling and trash receptacle will be installed at the new sidewalk entrance. Options are still being explored for a foot wash station located on the west side of the restrooms.

Lighting

The Electric Department has started installation of the additional lighting at Recreation Park. At this time, they are waiting on materials delivery and anticipate completion of the project in April. Once the remainder of the lights are installed, staff will backfill and grade around the volleyball courts.

Soccer Complex Restroom

Contractors are still working on quotes for the restroom addition at the Soccer Complex. Quotes are anticipated within the next couple of weeks.

Veterans Memorial School

Lawns Unlimited and the School District have been working on finalizing the fence between the Veteran's Memorial and the new CVS. Part of the agreement for the donation of the ground to the School District included the installation of the fence paid by the School District.

Chairman Gimson asked if the all-purpose field behind the new CVS was going to be re-graded as it is not level.

Staff did not know for sure.

Directors and Officers Policy

During the February meeting, a question was asked regarding a Directors and Officers Policy coverage. Park Board is a public body and the policy referred to as Public Official Liability covers all boards. As a member of MP, elected and appointed officials are provided liability coverage for their actions as long as the activity in question is within the scope of authority associated with their respective position.

Spring Sports

YMCA soccer begins on April 2 and baseball begins April 1 with games starting May 9. The season is schedule to end on July 4.

Aquatic Facility

The fiberglass specialist for the water slide was on-site March 18, 2016 to complete their inspection. The report was not available as of the time of the meeting. Park staff has removed the water slide railings to have Atkinson Welding repair.

Mr. Whalen asked if the railings should be repaired prior to the report being received on the water slide.

Mr. Garr stated that seven rails needed to be fixed so they went ahead with the project so time did not run out before the pool was opened.

Ms. Helmich stated that the cost of repairs was minimal compared to a broken contractual obligation.

Andy Smith from Larkin Aquatics stated that when he climbed down the slide during his review of the facility he noted no separated joints or major safety concerns. There was only some minor damage that needs to be repaired.

After discussions with Larkin Aquatics, staff has moved forward with the purchase of a new \$7,000 portable ADA lift. The new lift can be moved if necessary for swim meets or to a new location in the future.

The requested portable lifeguard chair, replacement umbrella and deck chairs have also been ordered. All of the items mentioned totaled approximately \$10,250. These items were not included in the current budget and will require a future budget adjustment.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be on April 29, 2016. City Council will pass an Arbor Day proclamation.

Board Member Terms

Three Board member's terms expire at the end of May; Jennifer Helmich, Jason Jones and Richard Whalen. Mr. Jones and Mr. Whalen have expressed interest in serving on the Board for another term and Ms. Helmich is undecided at this time.

Backstop

Interest has been communicated to staff in the backstop from the ball field donated to the School District. Mr. Garr visited with the interested group and estimates the value of the backstop at \$500.00. After discussion, the Board decided to surplus the backstop and sell to the interested party.

Old Business

A: Golf Club Request

At the February meeting, Julie Blackwell, Richard Riddell and Travis Gentry presented a need for a new bridge over hole #7 to the Board.

Julie Blackwell stated that the Golf Club ran ads for bids to replace the bridge over hole #7. Two bids were submitted and received. Since the February meeting, a wash out/sink hole has appeared at hole 6 which was also advertised for at the same time.

The bridge over hole #7 is currently touching the water and there is a gap between the bridge and concrete.

A pipe has rusted out at hole #6 which is causing the sinkhole problem.

Russ Love evaluated both of the bids that were received and feels that either bid would be adequate.

Ms. Blackwell stressed that time is crucial on both issues as the golf season and tournaments is beginning.

Chairman Gimson stated that the consideration for funding will need to be tabled until after the presentation and discussion on the aquatic facility.

Chairman Gimson would also like a visual of both bridge bids at the next meeting.

Mr. Whalen asked if the new bridge would be out of the high water mark.

Ms. Blackwell stated that the drawings show 2 ½ to 3 foot clearance which would be sufficient.

Chairman Gimson asked the Golf Club to recommend a bid on the bridge replacement and the spillway.

The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

New Business

A: Larkin Aquatics Final Report on Aquatic Center

Andy Smith with Larkin Aquatic presented his current findings and recommendations on the Aquatic Facility. The facility was originally evaluated in 2012 and again during the winter of 2015. Mr. Smith stated that the presentation was updated with current findings.

Mr. Smith stated that the current facility is 34 years old and there are some concrete issues on the pool basin. There is some deterioration and cracks around the joints due to differential movement. The joint sealant also needs to be replaced. It was commented on that these items are not cheap to repair. Mr. Smith commented on a job well done by City Staff and the work they have done to keep the pool together and functioning. At this time, there is no water loss; however, the pipes are ageing. Mr. Smith also believes the mechanical equipment has been well maintained.

The slide is 24 years old and is in need of attention. A fiberglass specialist has been hired to assess the slide and will send his report once it is completed.

The Bathhouse is structurally sound and can be updated to become ADA compliant. There are some cosmetic and settling issues which can be dealt with. There is also some deterioration of the roof, soffit and door frames which need to be addressed.

The showers, toilets and entry/exit to and from the bathhouse need to be addressed to become ADA compliant. It is also recommended to have a ramp from the bathhouse to the pool.

City staff has purchased a lift for access into the pool which addresses an ADA issue; however, stairs would be better.

The wading pool does not have an independent circulation or disinfection system. It is also not ADA compliant as it needs a sloped entry. At this time, there are no code compliance issues as it was built prior to the creation of the code; however, it does not have any of the elements of a modern facility.

Below are estimates of renovations of the current facility:

ADA Renovations	\$280,000
Wading Pool	\$390,000
(separate circulation system included)	
Pool Basin Repairs	\$330,000
<u>Waterslide</u>	<u>\$170,000</u>
Total	\$1,170,000

The estimates above are a 10% increase from 2012

Mr. Smith commented that the repairs on the pool basin would increase the life of the facility by approximately 5-10 years. The recirculation piping has approximately 0-10 years as it could go at any time.

Mr. Smith stated that the electrical would need to be replaced in the near future due to rusting issues.

Mr. Smith recommended planning for a new facility after his evaluation.

A member of the audience asked what the grand total on replacement value of the facility would be.

Mr. Smith stated that Larkin Aquatics estimates the cost to be \$2,834,000.00.

Mr. Garr asked what is considered new construction and how would that be measured in relation to the wading pool.

Mr. Smith stated that this would most likely be a judgement call.

Chairman Gimson stated that the Board has been recommended to not sandblast the pool any more so new paint does not last as long.

Dennis Clark asked when it becomes a responsibility to make the facility ADA compliant.

Mr. Smith stated that the City is addressing some of the issues but there is a major responsibility to become ADA compliant. He also stated that most cities have a plan as to how they are going to become ADA compliant and a specific timeline.

Mr. Smith stated that it makes more sense to work towards a new facility. It would have a longer life and be more cost effective.

Chairman Gimson stated that a new facility cannot be funded with the current Park Board budget or city funds. A special tax, property tax increase or donations would be needed.

Darlene Breckenridge asked if a user fee would help in the way of pool repairs.

Ms. Helmich stated that the Board does not receive pool fees.

Chairman Gimson stated that it would be a small, insignificant amount.

Chairman Gimson also stated that he is afraid that one year the facility will not open and it will be two or more years before it will open again due to funding and/or repairs.

Mr. Garr stated that it will take approximately \$14,000 to open the facility this year due to needed items. This does not include repairs needed after the fiberglass specialist's report is received.

Chairman Gimson stated that at the April meeting, the Board needs to figure out the most important issues that need to be completed prior to opening the facility this season. The Board also needs to discuss what direction the City Council would like to go.

A question was asked how long it would take to repair the basin.

Mr. Smith stated that it would be repaired after the 2016 season closes and would be ready for the 2017 season.

Chairman Gimson stated that the City would need funding of some kind before this could be accomplished.

A question was asked as to how long it would take to build a new facility after funding was secured.

Mr. Smith stated that it would take 3-4 months to design and 2-3 months to bid the project. A new facility can be built from late August to Memorial Day; however, all funding would need to be put into place first.

Miscellaneous

Bathroom at Ball Park

Mr. Jones asked about the progress of the concessions/bathroom at the ballpark.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he hopes to have the drawings at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Critical issues at the next meeting include: Aquatic Facility, decision on the Golf Course and an update on the 1/8 cent sales tax and available options for other taxes.

Adjourn

Ms. Briggs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Hammontree. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on April 28, 2016 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

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