

Cameron Park Board Meeting

November 30, 2017

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Wendy Copple

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Ruth Sears

Carrie Sybert

Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Cory Brown

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Steve Garr

Annette Bauer – Cameron Citizen Observer

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

Approval of October 26, 2017 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Public Participation

Brad Cross, member of the Cameron Disk Golf Club, St. Joseph Golf Club and Kansas City Golf Club stated that disk golf is a good opportunity for Cameron and would like to see another disk golf course. It would be a good opportunity for citizens to plan and also host tournaments if so desired.

Treasurer's Report

No comment

Director/Foreman's Report

Soccer Complex

There was damage to the new curb landscaping at the Soccer Complex; however, the video camera security system caught all the individuals involved and the Police Department was able to identify all the juveniles. There was approximately \$600 in damages. There has been great communication with the Police Department and the individuals were found quickly.

Recreation Park

\$5,000 in funds was provided from the City Council for Christmas lights. This money was used to purchase the lighted snowman display.

New Business

A: YMCA Pool Management Year End Report & Management Request for 2018 Season

Mr. Bontrager stated that the YMCA would like to include language in the contract to protect the YMCA if the pool cannot open due to unforeseen issues.

Mr. Jones stated that he is in favor of looking at other management sources to see if the City can get a better deal prior to making a management decision.

Mr. Garr stated that the clarity issue was a mechanical issue that was corrected once it was found. There has also been an issue with pool staff and daily cleaning. This appears to be a training issue. A level of expectation for cleanliness may need to be added to the contract along with more supervision from management staff.

Mr. Garr stated that it would be easier if City Staff was in charge of the cleaning instead of increasing the management fee.

Chairman Gimson instructed Mr. Bontrager to look into some pool management companies to see what they can offer the price and to provide estimates to the Board.

B: Vireo Draft Master Plan

Larry with Vireo discussed the final concepts for a proposed Baseball Complex on City owned land behind Wal-Mart. The size of the land meets the level of service needs identified in the Master Plan and will also accommodate priority amenity needs that were identified. The utilities are already installed and there is good accessibility to support events.

Grading will be significant to accommodate the flat fields; however, it can be accomplished.

The final concept includes six baseball fields. Four fields will be 280', one field will be 300' and one field will be 225'.

There will be a connected roadway and an area dedicated to grass parking.

There are also advantages to purchasing the property for sale on the NE area of the already owned land.

Larry went over the concept in detail and answered questions the Board had.

Ms. Copple made a motion to accept the ball field complex concept into the Park's Master Plan; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Chairman Gimson stated that the next step is to present the final Master Plan and Ball Field Complex to City Council.

Chairman Gimson requested that the Master Plan be placed on the next available City Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Bontrager will talk to the City Clerk and get the presentation scheduled.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

None

Adjourn

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

Chris Martin

Secretary Recorder

Cameron, MO 64429

*Bill Gurnea
1/25/18*