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Cameron Park Board Meeting
August 23, 2018
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

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Members Present:

Chairman – Jason Jones
Al Briggs
Jennifer Helmich
Carrie Sybert
Richard Whalen
Ruth Sears
Wendy Copple

Members Absent:

Bill Gimson
Cory Brown

Others Attending:

Steve Garr
Tara Wallace – Cameron Newspaper

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

Approval of July 20, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2018; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Public Participation

None

Treasurer's Report

No comment

Director/Foreman's Report

Swimming pool update

The Cameron pool is closed for the season and the water is being drained. The water is available for citizens to reuse and can call City Hall for their request.

The pool attendance numbers from the YMCA were provided to the board.

Special Events

Governor Mike Parson will be visiting Cameron City Hall Friday August 24 at 8:00am to discuss the water shortage in our area and possible funding.

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New Business

A: Council Participation Accessible Swings

Chairman Jones went before City Council to ask if they would be willing to partner with the Park Board on the cost to surface the new swings by Moose Station in Recreation Park. Total cost of synthetic turf is approximately \$28,000. The City Council agreed to pay half, \$14,000 for the surfacing.

Chairman Jones stated the Park Board budget set was \$5,000.00 which leaves a gap of \$9,000.00, total cost \$14,000.00. Additional fundraising is happening now by individuals in the community. Chairman Jones stated if you know anybody interested in assisting for fundraising send them to Drew.

Ms. Sears suggested that literature be passed out to the community to let them know fundraising is being done.

Mr. Bontrager stated a grass roots effort is now happening in the community. He will email a 3D image of the project to the board.

Mr. Whalen inquired if the swing set was ordered. Mr. Garr stated the swings have been ordered and they are about 6 weeks from arriving. The swings need to be installed before any surfacing is completed.

B: Council Participation Request Showmobile

Chairman Jones stated that Councilman Denny Clark has asked for a joint effort from the City, Park Board, Cameron School, Band and other organizations in the community to join efforts to purchase a Showmobile, a portable transformable stage.

Ms. Sears asked if the town was running low on stage space.

Chairman Jones stated when the old band shelter was taken down there were talks about a new shelter or a new theater to take its place.

Ms. Sears stated the old theater was never used before being torn down and McCorkle Park is rarely used. There are bigger problems the park board needs to focus on since the budget is tight. She stated the City Council tabled their decision at their Council meeting.

Chairman Jones stated the Park Board and other organizations are in the same boat together when it comes to funding and what they can afford. He stated they will table their decision for the next meeting.

C: Field Use Fees Review

At the July meeting Ms. Welch requested to review the current Field Use Fee structure.

Chairman Jones stated he personally reached out to our region and did not hear back from members. He did hear back from Kearney who stated they have a practice field and a game field at different prices and not incredibly high.

Mr. Garr passed out a fee structure to the board with two different revisions and explained in detail. He stated we are still in line with other town fee structures but we need to deal with our clients and their needs.

Chairman Jones stated he is proud that our community has swim, soccer, football, etc. in addition to the YMCA and he does not want to run the other leagues out of town. He stated the need to keep the programs here.

Mr. Whalen asked if most teams receive sponsorships and if not is there a way this can be put together.

Ms. Sybert stated teams are perhaps trying to determine cost to charge so they are not over charging.

Ms. Sears stated the need to give good faith back into the community and to offer facilities adoptable in Cameron.

Mr. Garr stated Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are competitive days for team practicing and we will still run into conflicts of people needing the space.

Ms. Sears made a motion to approve the current fee structure with the following changes; Black Package \$6.50 per hour for residents and the Gold Package \$5.50 per hour for residents effective January 1, 2019; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

A: Christmas Lighting

Mr. Whalen asked if Park Board is taking care of the Christmas lights or will the City.

Mr. Garr stated the Christmas Lighting is all hands on deck and he will continue to hang the lights at Recreation Park. This year they will track the traffic to determine how many people visit the area.

Mr. Bontrager stated the Street crews will install the lights and the Chamber is still evolved, they will continue to work together. The lights at Recreation Park and McCorkle Park will go up the same as last year. Mr. Bontrager does not know what activities will be associated with the lighting ceremony this year but he will continue to work out the details. The Park Board will not take on the parade.

Ms. Sears stated the City will not let the Christmas activities go and that Barbara O'Connor has been stepping in to help since her retirement.

B: Park Amenities

Ms. Briggs thanked Quinten and Sabrina Lovejoy for the work that took place at ~~McCorkle Park~~ EARL PARK → 

Mr. Lovejoy stated Sabrina organized the group and whenever she is needed please reach out to her. He also added that if the Park Board would want help in the spring replanting flowers and helping with donations they would be willing to volunteer time and get a group together.

Adjourn

Ms. Sears made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43pm.

Katherine Hahn
Secretary Recorder
Cameron, MO 64429

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