

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Bruce Krinke, Mike Ross, Elsie Slinger and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rahma Abdi. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky. STAFF ABSENT: Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUESTS PRESENT: Biz Buffington and Aaron Thompson, BMX Board Members.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of January 22, 2020. Motion passed.
- 3) Welcome Mike Ross: Board welcomed new Board Member, Mike Ross.
- 4) BMX Presentation: Biz and Aaron, BMX Board Members, presented information on the 2019 BMX racing year and stated they had a good year. They stated they plan to install a canopy over the gate area in 2020. Faribault is hosting a Gold Cup Race this year which is one of twelve Gold Cup Races in the state. The state qualifying races will be held July 23 – 26 with the Gold Cup Race on Saturday, July 26. The last time this race was held in Faribault was in 2016. South Alexander Park will be reserved for the races. The races are the same weekend as the Rice County Fair. Racing ends around 3-4 PM each day, so the participants can attend the fair in the evening as well as the Aquatic Center. BMX membership was up in 2019 from 2018. They are planning to start a new rider program in 2020 to educate riders and parents. Paul stated the Parks and Recreation Department can assist with advertising for the BMX track through the City's website, Facebook and the Buckham Bulletin. The BMX Board is looking for new ways to partnership with local companies in 2020 such as possibly getting service donations rather than monetary donations. The starting gate also has spaces to sell for advertising. The racing season starts May 3, dependent on weather, or could be May 17. Board thanked BMX for all their work and for the update.
- 5) Election of Officers:
 - a. Chair: Motion made by Mike, seconded by Chad to nominate Troy as Chair. Motion passed.
 - b. Vice Chair: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Bruce to nominate Mike as Vice Chair. Motion passed.
- 6) Director's Report:
 - a) Riverbend Wireless & Mechanical Society: Motion made by Bruce, seconded by Lola to approve use of parks as requested on April 25 and June 25-27, 2020, by the Riverbend Wireless & Mechanical Society with all fees waived. Motion passed.
 - b) Tree Board: Tree Board Meeting will be March 5 at the Depot. Sally Kramer is the Board Representative.
 - c) Card from Cheryl: Paul shared a card with the Board that he received from Cheryl thanking everyone for all they do for the youth in Faribault and for the enjoyment of serving with everyone on the Board.

- d) Sandra Thomas Donations: The Court will finalize Sandra's will in March. Parks and Recreation will receive approximately \$100,000 total to be split among the Tommy Allen Scholarship Fund, Children's Fund and Peter Smith Fund. Paul stated Parks and Recreation will recognize her and the generous donations in the Buckham Bulletin.
 - e) Fireworks Charge: Paul stated fireworks will not be set off at South Alexander Park this year. They will set them off at the Rice County Fairgrounds Grandstand instead.
- 7) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 8) Old Business:
- a) Parks Master Plan: Nothing new to report.
 - b) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Inclusive Playground: Paul reported that eight people met on January 30. More individuals were invited to come to the meeting tomorrow night, February 27. The playground being discussed is to meet all types of disability needs not just physical needs. Different parks around Minnesota are being reviewed to get ideas. A Landscape Structures staff member was at the last meeting to discuss equipment and ideas, and they plan to come to meetings in the future. Plans will go out to bid when the time arrives.
 - d) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail: Paul is completing a FRTP grant for the Northern Links Trail. He is currently getting support from the City and various organizations for the grant including the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The grant is for maximum of \$150,000 with a 25% matching requirement. Since this is a Federal Grant, State Grants are also being requested so they can be used for the matching requirement along with Parkland Dedication Funds. Together this would be a maximum of about \$200,000 for a project that is proposed to cost about \$910,000. This is the trail construction project starting at North Alexander Park, going under the railroad and connecting to the existing trail at Hulett Avenue. The railroad company sent Paul an email acknowledging they are in support of us moving forward.
 - e) Tunnel Lighting, Signage & Painting: Teepee Tonka Tunnel lighting contracts have been signed and signage is ready to be installed weather permitting.
 - f) Old Public Works Park Layout: Nothing new to report.
 - g) Property North of White Sands: Paul stated the property just north of White Sands Dog Park, which we had been contacted regarding purchasing, was purchased by the current occupant so is no longer available.
- 9) New Business:
- a) Discussion of FMS Ball Fields and Teepee Tonka Ball Fields: Prior to the City building the new ball fields at Prairie Park, the School District is discussing the possibility of youth baseball using the Middle School Ball Fields. This would allow for other amenities to be built at Prairie Park.
 - b) 30th Street Apartment – Parkland: Cashin Construction is planning to build two apartment buildings north of 30th Avenue and Cardinal Avenue. They are offering land to the east of the DNR building as parkland dedication and suggesting a shelter be built there. It would require a trail from the apartment buildings to the park and it could tie into the existing trail system. Board agreed it wasn't very convenient nor is it big

enough for a court of some sort. Board agreed it wasn't a practical spot for a park so is in favor of leaving the trees there and taking parkland dedication funds rather than the parcel.

- c) 2019 Annual Report: Paul presented copies of the 2019 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report to the Board to review.

10) Other:

- a) South Side of Buckham Building: Lola stated people are not picking up after their dogs toilet on the lawn on the south side of the Buckham Building. Paul will ask staff to clean the area.

8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

9) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Lola to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant