

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 27, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Elsie Slinger and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rahma Abdi and Bruce Krinke. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Troy at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of April 22, 2020, with correction as noted.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) Community Center Pool: Repairs are being completed to fix a leak in the indoor pool.
 - b) Aquatic Center: Paul reported that staff is still waiting to determine if the aquatic center can open this summer due to COVID-19. It is in the 2021 CIP to resurface and fix the cracks in the aquatic center pool. Paul requested a quote for this project due to the possibility it could be completed this year if it does not open. Estimated cost is approximately \$330,000.
 - c) Bell Field: Bell Field improvements are almost complete. Some painting is left and the electrical building needs to be finished.
 - d) Meadows Park: Construction of Meadows Park continues. The playground and pickleball court are finished. A concrete pad to the swing set needs to be poured and then final grading and seeding will be done.
 - e) Prairie Park: City Public Works and Engineering Departments are obtaining bids for constructing the trail around Prairie Park.
 - f) Use of Parks: Paul stated staff is still determining if the basketball courts at North Alexander Park will open. Also, staff has received reports of Garfield Park getting overcrowded with soccer games. Paul discussed placing signage at both these areas. Board discussed removing the goals/nets at Garfield Park as concerned about people congregating. Board agreed to remove soccer nets and put up signage at Garfield Park. Fencing has been removed around all playgrounds and picnic shelters with signage regarding social distancing and using equipment at your own risk as it is not sanitized.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Paul stated the mural on the west side of the Band Shell will be installed June 12 and 13.
 - b) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Nothing new to report.
 - d) Tunnel Lighting, Signage & Painting: Both painting and lighting have been completed in Teepee Tonka Tunnel. Signage will be installed shortly. Lenses on the new lights have already been broken. Paul stated there is also some graffiti on the newly painted walls as well.

- e) Old Public Works Park Layout: The City is finalizing requirements to clean up the old public works site. Paul shared a preliminary plan for playground equipment at the park. Board reviewed the plan and Paul will bring a final plan to the Board for a decision at a later date.
 - f) Discussion of FMS Ball Fields as Replacement for Teepee Tonka Fields: Nothing new to report.
 - g) Staffing Update: Four additional recreational staff have been furloughed and only half of the summer staff for the Parks Department have been hired. Nothing new to report on summer programming as some programs will hopefully still be held in July. Mike reported that the State Minnesota Youth Soccer Association cancelled the entire youth soccer season so Faribault Soccer Association is not holding anything this summer. Shattuck-St. Mary's may hold a soccer camp in later July but nothing is being held at the Soccer Complex. Baseball Association was hopeful to practice baseball beginning June 1 but have not been able to do so. BMX has also been informed that they would not be able to open at this time.
- 9) New Business:
- a) Windsor Park Playground: Board reviewed the updated plans for the playground equipment at Windsor Park. Board agreed they supported the updated plan. Paul stated there will be a cement pad installed to allow access to the playground equipment. The neighborhood will be informed by mail of the plans.
 - b) Farmers' Market Update: Farmers' Market is scheduled to begin next weekend, June 6. They continue working with the Department of Agriculture and have decided not to use 5th Street but rather use more area in Central Park for vendors to safely set up. They are currently only allowing vendors with food items and not arts or crafts. Also, at this time, restrooms are not open at Central Park.
- 10) Other:
- a) Sakatah Trail: Sally stated Sakatah Trail is currently closed from Waterville to Elysian for repairs.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Paul stated we will not be able to have the June bus tour this year due to COVID-19 but will do a virtual tour by Zoom meeting.
- 9) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Lola to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant