

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2020

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

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Troy at 5:55 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Elsie to approve minutes of May 27, 2020.
- 3) Director's Report: Nothing new to report.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Inclusive Playground: The Inclusive Playground Committee plans to hold a zoom meeting in August or September.
  - b) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Mark Duchene & Paul have contacted the railroad and requested they review the trail construction plans prior to an agreement. Also, the City will submit an application to the DNR for a limited use permit for a right-of-way along Highway 3. With these items completed, the City will then submit for a TAPP Grant in October.
  - c) Old Public Works Park: Nothing new to report.
  - d) Discussion of FMS Ball Fields as Replacement for Teepee Tonka Fields: City staff recently met with school district staff and are reviewing options for sharing upkeep, maintenance and use of the middle school ballfields and shed.
  - e) Windsor Park Playground: Board reviewed the final plan for the Windsor Park Playground and selected a color option for the equipment.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Name for Old Public Works Site Park: Paul asked for suggestions from the Board for a name for the park to be developed at the old public works site. Lola suggested asking Sue Garwood, Rice County Historical Society Director, for a possible historical recommendation. Board will discuss suggestions at next meeting.
  - b) Committee for New Park by Crooked Pint: The City has purchased the land by the Crooked Pint as part of the City's Master Plan to develop as park area. The area purchased is between the railroad and the Crooked Pint south to the viaduct. Paul stated a task force committee should be established to design the park. Discussions for possible members included a City Council member, Parks and Recreation Board members, Mainstreet Committee member and community people. Elsie and Sally volunteered to be on the committee. Board discussed their desire to include different age groups and cultural groups on the committee. Paul asked Board to submit any other suggestions to him.

- c) Student Representative Needed: Mike and Paul will ask school district personnel for student representative candidate suggestions.
- 7) Other:
- a) Teepee Tonka Park Tunnel Update: Board asked about the status of the tunnel. Paul stated lights are currently working and the walls are very colorful.
  - b) Participation in Activities: Board asked for an update on participation in activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Paul reported water exercise and lap swim classes are doing well. Fitness room use and pickleball numbers are low. Pickleball players are playing outside more and fitness room use is usually somewhat slower in the summer. Youth ball, summer baseball and spirit team numbers are down. Pet parade will be a driving route this year. People can sit on the side of the street to watch decorated cars and pets in vehicles. All vehicles must adhere to all traffic laws as streets will not be closed. Vehicles will line up at Rice County Fairgrounds, proceed north on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, west on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, north on Lincoln Avenue, east on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and end at Central Park. There will be a Spirit Team performance following the parade as well as DJ Music at Central Park.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Buckham West.
- 9) Motion was made by Elsie, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant