

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum, 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 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lola, seconded by Chad to approve minutes of July 22, 2020.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) Courts Painted: Pickleball courts at Windsor Park and Meadows Park along with the basketball court at Forest Park have all been painted and lined.
 - b) Bell Field Exterior Project: The Bell Field Exterior Improvements Project has been completed.
 - c) Roof Repairs: The Community Center and Library are currently having repairs done to both roofs.
 - d) FCC Parking Lot: The parking lot for the Community Center and Buckham Library will be reconstructed and expanded beginning in early September.
 - e) Faribault Family Aquatic Center (FFAC): City Council approved requesting bids for repairs to the FFAC. The Diamond Brite does not need to be fully replaced but tile is being replaced, joints caulked, gutter system remodeled and caulked and some filler may be needed dependent upon the inspection. Bids will be due September 17 and presented to City Council at the September 22 meeting. Most of the work will be done this Fall and then it will be lightly sandblast in Spring to clean up the pool color.
 - f) North Alexander Park Shelter: North Alexander Park shelter #4 is being replaced. It will look similar to shelters #2 and # 3 when completed.
 - g) Meadows Park Shelter: The Parks Department is installing a new shelter at Meadows Park this week.
 - h) Teepee Tonka Park Tunnel: Almost all the lights in Teepee Tonka Park Tunnel are still working.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
 - b) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Mark Duchene continues to work on obtaining a limited use permit from MNDOT.
 - c) Old Public Works Site Park: Paul asked the Board for name and theme ideas for the new park at the old public works site. He also shared the name suggestions from Sue Garwood, Rice County Historical Society Director, as follows: Grace McKinstry, Cornelia Whipple, Mary Elizabeth Graham Faribault, Verna Ochs, Francis Loyhead, Helen Bratten, and Sarah Darlington. The suggestions from July's meeting were:

- River Rail Park, Sandra Thomas, Burke Park, Corner Park and Fleckenstein Park. Troy suggested Pelagie Alexander and Taopi as historical figures associated with Faribault. After discussion, the Board agreed on using one of the following four suggestions: Verna Ochs, Pelagie Alexander, River Rail Park or Fleckenstein Park. Board would like to research the history of these names and make a decision at the September meeting. Board also discussed a nature or Dakota theme for the park but will determine that at the September meeting as well.
- d) Discussion of FMS Ball Fields as Replacement for Teepee Tonka Fields: Nothing new to report.
 - e) Committee for New Park by Crooked Pint: Nothing new to report.
 - f) Student Representative: Paul stated Henry Schonebaum has been appointed as the new student representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Board welcomed Henry and thanked him for serving on the Board.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Proposal for Naming Facility: The Parks and Recreation Department and City Council received a request from Ken Hubert to rename the aquatic center after Tina Madsen. Paul will research the City policy for naming facilities and report to the Board.
 - b) Registration Software: Paul reported that the City Council approved the purchase of CivicRec registration software for the Parks and Recreation Department. New software is being purchased because the Parks and Recreation Department's current software will not be supported in the future. CivicRec is the same platform as CivicPlus which is the program used for the city website.
- 7) Other:
- a) Park Amenities: Lola stated she noticed some of the local Somalis are meeting in the evening in the parks. After doing some research, she discovered that evening socials are part of the Somali culture so she suggested establishing some areas in a park or parks that are inviting for an evening social activity. Paul contacted Peter VanSluis regarding suggestions to make the park(s) more comfortable and inviting for evening gatherings. Sally suggested a water feature and benches would be well received by residents. Paul will follow up with Peter and bring information back to the Board at the next meeting.
 - b) Sakatah Trail: Sally reported the Sakatah Trail repairs from Faribault to Mankato are almost complete. There are 1½ miles left to finish near Elysian and then the trail will be done.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Buckham West.
- 9) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Lola to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant