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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

Members present: Kevin Nyberg, Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Bob McDowell.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, Barb Hermanson, Scott Juhnke, and Tory Miedema.

Others present: Lyle Smith, Mike Van Burgen, Terry Wolf, SEBA; Oz Terrell, Sara Bohde, Little League; Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf Management Inc.; Bruce Blake, Mike Hall, Helga Szameit, Alexis Szameit, Lyle Van Ebert, and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2009, special meeting and July 21, 2009, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the agenda. Michael Crane reported that all Park System Planning and Development Committee items are on the agenda. Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Tom Jansa and Don Kearney presented the Golf Course CIP amendments. The two unbudgeted items to add to the CIP were to replace the pumping system for the waterfall feature at Elmwood Golf Course and asphalt path repair at Elmwood and Prairie Green. The changes to existing projects consisted of buying new porta-potties instead of building permanent structures and using the savings to reconstruct more bunkers. The new porta-potties addressed the main complaint of not having running water while costing much less than a permanent structure. There was not convenient access to utilities for the permanent structures. A motion was made to approve the amendments. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

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The Sanford Sports Complex donation agreement was delayed because staff and Sanford needed more time to work out the details. A special Park Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Park Office.

Kelby Mieras and Bruce Blake presented the request to change the previously approved location of the *Mr. Soccer Historical Marker* at Yankton Trail. The historical marker was approved in September 2006 to be located near the soccer ball monument in Yankton Trail Park. The new location is at the north end of the same parking lot. Since the new location is in the soccer village area that is set up for large tournaments, the marker will be more visible and will have more foot traffic around it. A motion was made to approve the new location. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the donations/gifting agreement addition to the Policies and Guidelines. As part of the national accreditation process, a formal written process is needed for gifting agreements and accepting donations. The department has a process, but it has never been written down and been adopted. It is an internal process for staff. A motion was made to approve the addition. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

Oz Terrell presented his proposal for starting the Little League program in Sioux Falls. Lyle Smith, Mike Van Burgen, and Terry Wolf presented the program currently being offered by the Sioux Empire Baseball Association. Following the presentation from each organization, a question/answer session with the two groups and the Park Board was held. This was an informational session for the Park Board to evaluate the differences between the programs and the different opportunities each program offered the citizens of Sioux Falls. The Board requested to see a business plan for Little League prior to making any decisions. Little League can submit the plan to staff and they will get it to the Board and schedule any further informational sessions or dates for a final decision.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney reported that the maintenance building at Elmwood Park is complete and operations staff members are starting to move in. The Family Park joint powers agreement was approved by the City Council Monday. The final construction plans are in the review process and construction is planned to start this fall. In the meantime, staff and the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department will be working on an operations plan for the park. The additional parking project for the Farmers' Market Open Air Shelter in Falls Park is moving forward. The Fred Assam Elementary School is complete and open for the year. The expanded gym and park area turned out well, and staff is working with the Brandon School District on scheduling the gym. Jefferson Park is under construction with improvements to include expanding the west ball field,


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eliminating the east field, adding a walking path around the park, and adding a picnic shelter, drinking fountain, and a half-court basketball court.


No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, Kevin asked about the canoe/kayak trip pictures. Don said he would get everyone the DVD and pictures. The Helen McKennan bust will be dedicated on August 26, 2009, at 4 p.m. The *Going Home* sculpture dedication at Veterans' Memorial Park is scheduled for November 7, 2009. Michelle said she really likes the walking loop idea at neighborhood parks.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President