A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 4 p.m., at the Great Plains Zoo.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Members present: Lorrae Lindquist, Mark Steinborn, Ann Nachtigal, Jim Stavenger, and Jason Reisdorfer.

Members absent: Patti Abdallah and Todd Sundleaf.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Kelby Mieres, Park Operations Manager; Sky Smothers, Recreation Manager; Jackie Nelson, Administrative Manager; Rita Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney’s Office; Jon Jacobson, Confluence; Thea Miller Ryan, The Outdoor Campus; Chloe Litzen, The Outdoor Campus; Audrey Willard, Butterfly House and Aquarium; Emmett Keyser, SD Game, Fish and Parks; Elizabeth Whealy, Great Plains Zoo; and Dan Simon, Great Plains Zoo.

Approval of Minutes (June 20, 2018)
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018, regular meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously, with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input
No public input.

Report of Standing Committees
The Marketing and Public Needs Committee met and items discussed are on today’s agenda. The Park System Planning and Development Committee did not meet. The Partnerships and Recreation Committee met and discussed the items on this agenda, as well as the Emerald Ash Borer, Falls Park, and Board meetings.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.

Under New Business

Great Plains Zoo Report: Elizabeth Whealy presented the Great Plains Zoo annual report. Discussion followed, and Whealy answered questions from Board members.

Sertoma Park Master Plan: Jon Jacobson presented the Sertoma Park Master Plan. Thea Miller Ryan shared details of the proposed expansion of The Outdoor Campus, and Audrey Willard shared details of the proposed expansion of the Butterfly House and Aquarium. Kearney noted the challenges involving parking within the park, and expressed the importance of including additional parking with any future facility expansion project. The Outdoor Campus and the Butterfly House and Aquarium confirmed Kearney’s comments involving parking, and supported the requirement to construct parking with any future expansion of their facilities. After discussion from the
Board, a motion was made to recommend approval of the master plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, with all present Board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation

a. Kearney reported about the slight change in the golf report going forward. He also shared that supplemental appropriations will be presented to the City Council at tonight’s meeting for equipment purchases and expenses associated with the Emerald Ash Borer, as well as the proposed viewing platforms and safety measures at Falls Park.

b. Patten gave an update on the Levitt Pavilion construction at Falls Park West. All building footings are complete, and block work is beginning. Underground utility work will be done in the next couple weeks. Patten also shared details about the Marion Park project, with the park being closed as of June 1. Construction on both projects is progressing well, even with all the rain this summer.

c. Miedema gave an update on the bike trail from Marion Road to the Country Club of Sioux Falls. The trail is completely paved, and some work is continuing in the area of the dam. The trail should be open by the end of the month, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for August 13. Miedema shared updates about the playground reconstruction projects at Whittier, Menlo, and Kenny Anderson Parks. These projects are progressing well, and all three parks should be open in the next three weeks. Miedema also touched on the construction at Rotary Park. Construction on the west side of the park is progressing, with work beginning on building foundations.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline
None.

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

Secretary

Approved by:

President