

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
December 9, 2020
Minutes**

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Brett Remsberg
Russ McCaig

Members Absent:

Tyson Nielsen
Camielle Austin

Visitors:

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Don Argo Brian Urton Tabitha Sharp

Russ moved to approve the minutes.

Brett seconded.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

Memorial Bench/Tree

- Kevin Wishart stated that Joyce Farah had requested to place a bench and tree at East Park in memory of her mother next to the duck pond.
- Brett asked if they had discussed what type of tree.
- Kevin stated that it depends on the park, she did not appear to have any problem with those listed.
- Loren asked if they would place the memorial plaque on the bench.
- Kevin stated that they would. He stated that if the board approved, staff would take it to the City Commission.
- The board approved the request.
- Russ asked if there would be a plaque at both the tree and bench.
- Kevin stated that right now the discussion has been primarily centered on the bench, they haven't discussed the tree yet.
- Loren stated that he would suggest that a policy be put in place prior to sending her request to the Commission for approval.

BMX Track Discussion

- Kevin Wishart reviewed the request for the BMX track. He stated that the agreement would need to be specific so that the track will be maintained properly.
- The board had questions about fencing and upkeep.
- Loren stated that he wasn't opposed to seeing the Commission reviewing it and asking questions before they made a recommendation.

Winter Activities

- Kevin stated that special events are canceled for the foreseeable future.
- Kevin stated that there are 40 total registrations for K-3. He stated that the deadline for the older kids is Friday, but they are light as well.

- Kevin stated that the league is meeting again soon. He stated that they have said that they will follow the KSHAA recommendations for attendance.
- Kevin stated that the season has been shortened to 8 weeks.
- Russ asked if officials had been hired yet.
- Kevin stated that Brian has spoken to a few of the younger officials. He stated that staff will be meeting with coaches this week. He stated that practices are not going to be able to happen until after facilities have been opened again. KSHAA has stated that practices must cease between December 23 until January 4th. He stated that if the season doesn't start until the end of January, practice time shouldn't be an issue with such small registration numbers. He stated that there will be challenges tracking the number of parents who can attend with children on other teams.
- Brett asked if there were enough volunteers for coaching.
- Kevin stated that they actually had more volunteers than needed right now. He asked what the opinion of the board was on holding a season.
- Russ stated that he was okay with following the KSHAA rules, masks on players not playing and two parents per family. He stated that if there is an outbreak, they could address issues as they come.
- Brett stated that they could require visiting teams to send a roster and parent/guardian list.
- Kevin stated that they have discussed it and are going to request.
- Loren asked if the coaches meeting would set further rules.
- Kevin stated that the coaches meeting is just for our local coaches. He anticipates that they will be disappointed in the practice schedule.
- Kevin stated that they are discussing a women's volleyball season. He stated that the number of individuals who participate and attend is low for that group.
- Kevin stated that they are also discussing men's basketball, they also do not bring a large crowd, but aren't good at following protocols.
- Russ stated that he trusted the judgement of those on staff in regards to the adult leagues. He asked if they will be taking temperatures.
- Kevin stated that they have discussed it, but have not made a final decision.
- Brett asked if staff anticipate more issues with programs who are going to be more strict than we are.
- Kevin stated that historically we are the strictest group. He stated that the pushback will likely come from groups coming to us.
- Brett and Loren agreed that they also trusted staff judgement.
- Kevin stated that he will be meeting with the City Manager tomorrow and will get further instruction.

New Business

- The board had no reports.

Director's Report

- Kevin stated that there are several projects happening.
 - Irrigation system at McDonald Stadium, will be easier to maintain and increase coverage in the outfield.
 - Ordered red shale for ball fields and in place at the majority of the fields.
 - Spending the winter doing some tree and brush clean up at Disc Golf Course.
 - New bull pen at Hamlin.

- Fence work at Orndorff.
 - Tree work in all parks.
 - Repairs to pump houses at spray park.
 - New kiosks at North Main and East Park on the bike paths.
 - Repair to railroad bridge behind Dillons.
- Kevin stated that the excess sales tax committee had granted funds for replacement of the playground equipment at Graham and placement of a new shelter.
- Kevin stated that the Riverview equipment ordered and will be put in place after riprap project.
- Russ asked if there had been push back on the port-a-potties at Graham.
- Kevin stated that it was also delayed because of the utility issue with Evergy.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.