

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
December 19, 2018
Minutes**

Members Present:

Brett Remsberg
Loren Anthony
Russ McCaig
Betty Kirkpatrick
Brandi Lane

Members Absent:

Tyson Nielsen
Steve Jackson

Visitors:

Jeanie Ferguson
Connie Darnell

Commission Representative:

Matt Guthrie - Absent

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Brian Urton Don Argo Tabitha Sharp

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Russ moved to approve the amended minutes.
Betty seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Personal Appearance

- Jeanie Ferguson stated that they are currently playing pickle ball on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They hope to pick up Sunday again in January. She stated that they are averaging about 15 players per day. She thanked rec staff for their help setting up the nets and providing the space.
- Ms. Ferguson stated that she has been talking to other groups to increase participation.
- Ms. Ferguson asked if there was a plan to redo the tennis courts because she would like to turn one into an outdoor pickle ball court.
- Kevin stated that they were talking about that this evening.
- Ms. Ferguson asked if they will be able to keep the same schedule after the first of the year.
- Kevin and Don stated that there could be a few rentals that might conflict, but other than that they should be okay.
- Connie Darnell stated that she had tried to put it out in the paper to advertise more, but the paper was not interested.

Winter Activities

- Kevin stated that there was a good crowd at the holiday craft party today.
- Kevin stated that basketball practice has started and the first scrimmage was last weekend. He stated that they are down eight girls and nine boys from last year. He stated that it is spread out amongst the age groups.
- Flyers are out for men's basketball and women's volleyball for January. Spring sports will be out not long after the first of the year.
- Brett asked if there was an easier time with coaches this season.

- Kevin stated that they had to recruit a few to coach, but the staff only have one team each, so better.

Alcohol in Parks

- Tabled until January.

Tennis Court Discussion

- Kevin stated that there had been a few meetings with city staff and USD 490 staff about partnering on an eight court complex with restrooms and a kiosk. He stated that they are meeting in January to discuss locations and to get more information.
- He stated that they are currently trying to look at locations that either party owns to avoid land acquisition costs.
- Loren asked what would happen to the old courts.
- Kevin stated that there have been some very preliminary discussions about resurfacing and putting in pickle ball courts.
- Russ asked if the new tennis courts would be open to the public.
- Kevin stated yes, with the exception of high school or middle school game and practice times.

Gordy/Library Park Equipment

- Kevin stated that the City Commission approved bids from Cunningham recreation, but we are asking the parks and rec board to choose between the three options for each park.
- Kevin stated that they are trying to hit the 2-5 age group at the Library and 5-12 for Gordy. He stated that the Library Park will be the only one that has equipment specifically for the younger age group. He also hopes that it will decrease vandalism if the equipment is not for older children.
- Kevin reviewed the options from a staff perspective. He stated that Library Option 1 has a lot of room for graffiti. Option 2 has limited graffiti options. He stated that Option 3 also has a little more room for graffiti.
- Loren asked if the swings on one and two were for adults and children at the same time.
- Kevin stated that they were.
- Votes were as follows:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Library	0	3	2
Gordy	0	2	3

- Brandi stated that she would like to see a baby swing added to the Gordy Park options because even though the other equipment is for older kids, adults will have smaller children.

Disc Golf Discussion

- Kevin stated that they have spoken before about some changes that local disc golfers have wanted. He stated that staff have been talking to them and they would like us to consider moving some baskets and tee pads, but would like to begin by just moving the baskets and waiting to pour tee pads until they see if the new format works. He stated that they have also requested that some of the baskets be removed.

- Kevin stated that he would like to get approval to move some of the baskets and taking some others to develop a novice 9-hole course likely at Rio Park.
- Brett asked if the designer would be back to help.
- Kevin stated that they have been in contact with him and that he has some level of comfort with what they are asking, but he won't be coming back to do the changes.
- There was agreement with the board to make the changes.

New Business

- Brandi stated that the lights at North Main are great.
- Kevin stated that staff worked with Westar to add a pole and brighten the fixtures that were existing.
- Brandi stated that she would like coaches to be able to bring the children they wanted to their teams. She stated that it would not ever be her intent to not allow all kids to play, but she would like us to consider allowing coaches to bring as many kids as they want.

Director's Report

- Public Works, Public Utilities and Engineering are working at East Park to get the new shelter installed. He stated that we are trying to get the power located underground. He stated that there are challenges with the locates that were done and so we are working on those now. He stated that it will be a little taller, with new concrete and power when it is completed.
- Kevin stated that crews are putting in a half basketball court at the Library and the restroom, basketball court and shelter at Graham Park.
- Kevin stated that parks crews are working on the pedestrian bridges on the bike path.
- Loren asked about the rails at East Park.
- Kevin stated that they are going to do those, but he doesn't know when.
- Brandi asked if the extra parking at East Park will be paved.
- Kevin stated that it will be at the parks shop and it is semi-paved, there will be lighting and signs before the season begins.
- Brandi asked about lighting on the bike path.
- Kevin stated that we are waiting on fixtures and hopefully they will be up soon.

Betty moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Russ seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.