

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Halley Park Board Room
March 10, 2022

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022. The following members were present: Roger Heacock, Karen Olson, Michael Calabrese and Shon Hanczyc. The following members were absent: Jessica Ries, Keryn Rowland and Tony Marshall. Staff present: Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Biegler, Landscape Designer Melissa Petersen and Administrative Assistant Amy Graves.

A motion was made by Hanczyc, second by Calabrese and carried to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes.

Biegler gave an update on the 2022 Deer Management Program. The program was finalized on February 25, 2022 with a total of 240 deer. The program was successful with no issues or complaints. Nine deer tested positive with Chronic Wasting Disease. The remaining 231 deer were processed and the meat was donated to Feeding South Dakota. Donations for processing the deer were received from Black Hills Sportsman and Sportsman Against Hunger. The total cost of the program was \$45,331.54.

Liaison Reports

Biegler said the Beautification Committee will resume meeting on Thursday, April 7th. The Urban Wildlife Committee met in March and discussed the deer program. The committee plans to meet again in the fall. The Urban Forestry Board met on March 10th and they are currently making plans for Arbor Day on April 29th and a tree care workshop open to the public in May.

Parks and Recreation Director Report

Biegler reported that City Council approved the donation of land from Philip and Yvonne Weger. The donation was dedicated as park space and consists of 14.95 acres in Highland Park.

Biegler said staff is working on selecting a location for bocce courts for the Special Olympics organization. Biegler said staff is looking at park space near the Old Storybook Island shelter. Updates will be provided at a future meeting.

Biegler said an RFP has been advertised for use of the boat ramp at Canyon Lake Park. The existing agreement for paddleboat rentals has expired. Biegler will provide an update at the April meeting.

Biegler gave a report for Doug Lowe on the Recreation programs. The covers on the greens at Meadowbrook and Executive golf course will be removed the week of March 14th. The contract for Marco's Pizza has been amended for the city to manage the beverage cart on the course and at the starter shack. The hockey season for the Badland Sabres is over and the opening season was a success. The recreation and

aquatic programs are running well and the number of participants for both programs are good.

Landscape Designer Report

Melissa Petersen is preparing for the second season of the community gardens at LaCroix Park and is working on plans for an additional community garden at Thomson Park.

The Bee City USA status for 2022 has been renewed and Petersen is working with people interested in pollinator habitats.

The Dinosaur Park improvement project received one bid and staff is working with the contractor on finalizing the expenses for the project. Staff hopes to have the bid awarded in April.

A contract was awarded to Iron Horse Excavating for the Meadowbrook Golf Course stream bank stabilization.

Petersen said the Sioux Park tennis court project is expected to begin in the fall of 2022.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.