



AGENDA

MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 9th, 2023

City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room– 7pm

Present: Dian Christensen-Hills, Connie Giese, Nate Schwanke, Nick Hansen, Dev Sookram, Tammy McKeighan, and Jody Sanders.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Giese. The agenda displayed at City Hall, 400 E Military and was distributed to the Park Board, Mayor and City Council on January 5th, 2023 and is open to the public. The open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection.
2. Roll Call: Roll Call showed members Giese and Christensen-Hills present. Absent: Eairleywine, Moran, Paden, and Washburn
3. Open Meeting Law posted for public review.
4. Reading of the Parks & Recreation Board Minutes, November 7th, 2022. No quorum for motion.
5. Discussion Charlie Pleskac Fremont DQ Days. Pleskac discussed the idea of having Fremont DQ Days in West Masonic Park. He discussed ideas for live music, inflatables, and other entertainment August 11th-13. Councilman Sookram discussed having a map of entry and exit and fence line throughout Masonic. Pleskac was going to put a map together for P&R to review and discussion to move forward with event. Hansen discussed if P&R approved the event it would have to go through council for final decision. Discussion from parks board members were in favor but no quorum for a vote.
6. Request by JCF for allowing vendors to camp in JCF Park for JCF days. Hansen discussed the request by JCF committee. Hansen will reach out to Fremont PD to make sure there are no issues. P&R department was in favor of allowing vendors of JCF days to reside overnight in their encampments. Board discussed the request but no vote because lack of quorum.
7. Discussion of USAR extend lease and possible land extension. Hansen discussed that USAR was seeking to extend their lease and expanding the property in the new lease to obtain 1.25 acres east of the USAR building. Board discussed the lease and possible land extension but no vote because lack of quorum.
8. Recreation Report – Schwanke
*Recreation report: Schwanke provided an update of programs coming up in recreation. Parents night out is schedule for January 20th. Schwanke discussed other events coming up in February, March, and April. Schwanke discussed the P&R would like to continue to offer different programs moving forward.

9. Director Report- Hansen

*Auditorium project: Hansen provided information about Johnson Controls for heating and cooling issues. Parks department was given credentials from Johnson Controls for access to their system and maintenance crew and monitor the controls from the parks laptops.

*Parks Update- Hansen discussed P&R staff was taking Davenport shelter apart and starting winter projects. Hansen discussed some minor repairs at the Friendship Center and CF complex. Hansen discussed parks staff finished painting the base and pillars in CF main arena and remove all the extra zip ties and wires that have been left over. Hansen discussed the reviewing of Ronin bathhouse project and P&R will be moving forward with the remodel of Ronin. Hansen discussed there's a new date change to the recycling center with center opening 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Hansen discussed he will be heading to the Midwest Parks and Recreation conference January 31st – February 2nd with Schwanke. Hansen discussed the three day conference will have many workshops about discussions of recreation, aquatics, and administration.

*Forestry update

Hansen discussed a possible EDA grant available for forestry services. The grant would help with infrastructure at Wildwood and Hormel Park. Hansen discussed over 200 Christmas trees were recycled during December 22nd-January 8th.

*Open Positions: Hansen discussed there's an open position as a maintenance worker III for forestry that is open.

*Capital Improvement Plan: Hansen discussed the cemetery office is on the final steps of design and will go out for an RFP in February. Hansen discussed that davenport shelter will need to go back out for just the shelter cost.

10. Next Meeting – Monday, February 6th, 2023, 7pm, City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

11. Adjournment- No quorum for motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Hansen, Secretary

I, the undersigned, the Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Board, Fremont, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the notice of said meeting of January 9th, 2023 kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Parks & Recreation Office; that such subjects were contained in said notice for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the Park Board of the Parks and Recreation Department, Fremont, Nebraska were in written form and available for public inspection prior to the next convened meeting of said body. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of January, 2023.

Nicholas Hansen, Director of Parks & Recreation January 9th, 2023