

January 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street. Members present: Melvin Bolte, Andrea Baack, Lana Urban, Brady Johnson, Sandy Wright, Randy Chapp, Dennis Erks, Kenneth Schmieding, Justin Hartman; Absent: None. Others in attendance: Assistant Park Director Robert Core, City Councilmembers Chris Schmit and Ellen Beck..

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse and Seward Memorial Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Bolte called the meeting to order and announced that a copy of the Agenda for this meeting is posted at City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library, and on the front window of the Municipal Building. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at this location for public inspection.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Erks, seconded by Chapp, that the minutes of October 6, 2014 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

2. DOG PARK

No discussion was held. Chairman Bolte has not heard from Alexis Scribner. Chairman Bolte shared an article from the February 19, 2014 Lincoln Journal-Star entitled "Are Bark Parks in City's Future". The location of the proposed dog park was reviewed, if the proposed dog park is to become a reality. A portion of the funding and fencing needed to construct a dog park has been raised from donations.

3. WINTER PARK/RECREATION ACTIVITIES REPORT

The following written report was presented:

Youth Wrestling - The wrestling season ended for 60 youth on December 15, 2014. Bob Core, Seward High Wrestling coach, coordinated the wrestling program for the Recreation Department.

Youth Baseball - Registration is underway for American Legion Baseball (high school) and for Pony and Major Little League players (grades 5-8).

Volleyball - Registrations will be distributed the week of January 5 for women's volleyball. Forms can also be obtained online or at the Recreation office.

Basketball - Practice for 14 basketball teams began January 3. Games begin January 17 at the middle school gyms. The season will end February 21.

Public Properties - Fall projects completed included: aerating, fertilizing and seeding of the ball fields and soccer fields. Playground mulch has been installed at the Plum Creek Sports Complex. A new irrigation main line system was installed for the soccer fields. Additional parking pads were installed at the Cattle Training facility. Maintenance was performed on mowers and other power equipment. Park signs, trash cans and picnic tables were refurbished. Snow and ice removal will continue as needed throughout the winter.

The Board discussed the following: The additional parking pads at the Cattle Training facility have cut down on mud tracked into the facility. Discussion and suggestion by Hartman for a portable restroom closer to the facility in the winter months. Rental is approximately \$50 to \$60 month. Owning one would be around \$500. City Councilmembers present suggested it be handled by the Recreation Department, with no approval needed by City Council. Erks will check with the Seward Baseball and/or Softball Association to see if funding is available to purchase one. Bob Core will also speak with Steve Ferguson on options available to accomplish an additional portable restroom.

4. ELECT BOARD CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chapp nominated Bolte for Chairman, which nomination was seconded by Urban. Chapp moved, seconded by Erks, that nominations cease. The motion for nominations & to retain Bolte as Chairman passed unanimously. Bolte thanked current and past Board members for their support and encouraged members to continue recommending completion of projects such as the second part of the walking trail. The Board commended Bolte for his dedication over the years to the Park & Recreation Board.

Bolte nominated Chapp, seconded by Schmieding, to be retained as Vice Chairman, Erks moved, seconded by Johnson, that nominations cease. Members voted unanimously to retain Chapp as Vice Chairman.

Chapp moved, seconded by Erks, that Wright and Urban be retained as co-secretaries. A unanimous vote was recorded on this motion.

Bolte appointed the following committees:

Recreation Committee; Wright, Johnson, Erks, Baack
Park Committee: Chapp, Urban, Schmieding, Hartman
Pool/Band: Bolte

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. in a motion by Chapp, seconded by Hartman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lana Urban, Co-Secretary