

October 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Lana Urban, Dennis Erks, Kenneth Schmieding, Sandy Wright, James Placke; Absent: Brady Johnson, Andrea Baack, Justin Hartman. Others in attendance: Park/Recreation/Cemetery/Golf Director Robert Core, Recreation Director Assistant Patricia Sanley, Golf Shop Manager Drew Marr, City Council Member Chris Schmit.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and Municipal Building. 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. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at this location for public inspection.

The meeting was called to order. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and Municipal Building. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Municipal Building for public inspection

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Moved by Erks, seconded by Wright, that the minutes of July 11, 2016 be approved. The motion carried.

2. SEWARD DOG PARK UPDATE

Recreation Director Assistant Pat Sanley presented information on the Seward Community Dog Park. The Grand Opening of the park is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The park has been open and in use for a few weeks, with great success. At the Grand Opening, drawings will be held for donated items, as well as a ribbon cutting by Mayor Eickmeier at 3:00 p.m. Sanley also reported the Concordia University students wanted some involvement in the park, so some of the art students will be painting murals on the nine-foot cement culverts that have been donated by Hartmann Construction. The Boy Scouts are invited to the Grand Opening, as Garrett Kuss volunteered his time and energy for construction of the fencing for his Eagle Scout Award. The Public Properties employees were also thanked for their hard work on this project.

3. SEWARD COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

Golf Shop Manager Drew Marr distributed handouts regarding the financial status of the Seward Community Golf Course. Marr stated that things are going well, but could always be improved. Placke noted more golfers had been present than previous years, which was a great start. He also noted areas of course improvements completed and well done, as well as items which will need to be completed by spring. One of Placke's concerns was a sinkhole which has developed on Hole Eight, with Core mentioning a bridge on Hole Four, which needs repairs. Marr reported that Jon Marroquin is bringing 4-H children out on Mondays and teaching golf fundamentals and etiquette.

4. FALL RECREATION/PUBLIC PROPERTIES ACTIVITY REPORTS

The following information was presented:

Youth Football - The regular season ends October 9. This year, 47 boys are playing football. The head coach is Regan Else.

Youth Soccer - Grades pre-K through second grade have 22 teams playing this fall. The season will end October 15.

Youth Flag Football - On Saturday mornings, six teams (67 players) are playing flag football. The season ends October 15 (if no rain-outs occur).

Girls' Volleyball - Mindy Miller is coordinator for third and fourth grade girls' volleyball (35 participants). Heather Pfeil is coordinator for fifth and sixth grade girls' volleyball (16 participants). Games are played on Saturday mornings at the Middle School. Their seasons will end October 15.

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Fall Coed Softball - Four teams are playing adult coed softball this fall. Games began September 18 and are played on Sunday evenings. Their season ends October 23.

Women's Three-On-Three Volleyball - Registration is ongoing for volleyball. The season begins October 16.

Mayor's Fun Run - Registrations have been distributed for the Mayor's Annual Fun Run, which will be held on Sunday, October 9, starting at the Trail Head/Garden Area at Plum Creek Park. The run is open to boys and girls in three age divisions: 6 and under, 7-9, and 10-12. Forms are available online or at the Recreation office.

Public Properties/Cemeteries - Activities include continued maintenance on athletic fields, mowing, trimming, watering trees and weed control. Projects to be completed include: aeration, seeding, fertilizing athletic fields, shingling complex building and Centennial and Bemis Park shelters, painting/staining park picnic tables and barrels, replacing broken sidewalks at Plum Creek Park, mulching leaves, shutting down irrigation systems, planting trees in parks and cemeteries.

Golf Course - Employees are repairing Bridge No. 4 and shutting down irrigation for the season.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. in a motion by Schmieding, seconded by Erks. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Sandy Wright, Co-Secretary