

Park Board
February 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Al Vorderbrueggen, Don Moore, Blaine Golden, Hillary Hoffman, Al Kirkpatrick and Don McClintock: Present.

REGULAR BUSINESS: Trudy Libey would like her Mom's name added to the Lookout Park sign so that it reads Stan and Lynne McClintock Lookout Park. Gary Libey read an article from a past Whitman County Gazette detailing the whole McClintock family's contribution to the upkeep of the parks for over 40 years. Don McClintock made a motion to change the name, Don Moore seconded the motion. The Board voted and all approved the name change. Blaine Golden will present this to the city council for approval. Steve Larkin estimates the cost for the sign change to be about \$200.00.

Steve Larkin brought up the need for an updated Parks Comprehensive Plan to aid the city in grant eligibility. The past plan was emailed to members for review. McClintock suggested everyone review and note any changes or new ideas. Chair Vorderbrueggen suggested everyone send their thoughts to Lynda Kramlich so she can organize them and have them available for the next meeting for further discussion. Vorderbrueggen also pointed out the city needs to update the Capital Improvement plan as well.

The 2020 pool stats were 5,115 users and the pool was open 43 days. The pool only had to shut down one day due to weather. 218 in attendance was the high day. Hoffman asked if there was a chance the pool could be free again this year, but Golden pointed out the City Council decided against that at budget time. Discussion ensued about the pipe and valve replacements as well as the grant application submitted to make further updates to filters, pump and electrical. There was discussion about applying for a grant for a new/revamped pool. Hiring a design firm/consultant for the job was discussed to make sure everything is accurate. Public Works Director Matt Hammer will look at the MRSC Small Works roster to see if there is someone on there who can do the job.

The McDonald Park maintenance contract needs to be renewed. Hammer would like to see it be a multi-year contract. Vorderbrueggen suggested 3-5 years with an out clause built in and made a motion, McClintock seconded, all in favor.

Hoffman would like to have the retaining wall at Hamilton repaired. It will go on the list for capital improvements. Larkin and Hammer pointed out that Hamilton is actually owned by the school district.

Golden brought up the idea of having some Park signage continuity. Many ideas were talked about including a potential design competition. Vorderbrueggen suggested looping in the Friends of the Parks group and will invite them to the next Park Board Meeting.

McClintock gave an update on the Norm Willson Memorial sign and he will work Lanette Ring from Abundant Faith to the sign installed by the end of baseball season.

Larkin is getting some ecology blocks to make bays at McDonald Park for sand, dirt, etc.

The board discussed a batting cage type building at McDonald park and what that would look like. The baseball and softball teams can no longer practice in the new school gyms and need another option.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.


Chris Mathis, City Administrator