



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

Members Present Ted Maestas
 Sunshine Szedeli
 Kimberlee Bird
 Daren Rasmussen
 Brian Plamondon

City Staff Present Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director
 Bruce Holyoak, Parks Superintendent
 Jamie Baird, Office Administrator II

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by chairperson Sunshine Szedeli who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ted motioned to approve the minutes of October 12, 2022. Daren seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

VALLEY CENTER PLAYGROUND

Kimberlee and Bruce shared images and information about the new playground chosen for Valley Center Park. They considered the input received from a survey put out to the community and made choices based on the needs and desires expressed by those who responded. The playground will include climbing & spinning structures, swings, and a twin-rider. The ground will be poured-in-place rubber, making it ADA compliant. The bid came in under budget and the structure comes with a 10-year warranty. The playground will be ordered through Garrett Parks and Play, who is under state contract. Sunshine motioned to approve the new playground as presented. Kimberlee seconded the motion. Approval by the board was unanimous.

MURRAY PARK UPDATE

Bruce provided the board with a 2022 Parks Division recap. Parks currently has 14 full-time employees, employed 30-40 seasonal workers this year, and had 5,000 volunteer hours donated. With the weather changes, employees have been working on over-seeding ball fields and mulching leaves, which has been found to be beneficial for the turf. For several years now, the department has purchased flowers and plants from the Murray Greenhouse Foundation, but they are unable to keep up with the needs of the park. Bruce has talked to several wholesale nurseries but is open to suggestions from the board. Plans are being made to build an additional maintenance building, which will eventually hold items currently stored at the Armory. He discussed improvements made to the existing parks irrigation system, which reduced water consumption this

year. E.coli pockets have recently been found among the duck population, so they are considering putting up signs asking people to not feed the ducks. Homeless issues were high during the summer but have recently decreased because they are moving to shelters due to colder weather. The City recently contracted with Atlas, to maintain trees for 5 years.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Murray City Volunteer Social held in October had over 200 volunteers in attendance and positive feedback was received. Jennifer Leitner was recently hired as the new Recreation Center Director. An update was provided on the mansion and design plans for the Armory.

QUESTIONS

No additional questions were asked.

ADJOURNMENT

Sunshine adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

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Minutes recorded by Jamie Baird