

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Board Members in Attendance

Jeff Beal
Sunshine Szedeli
Mindy Canova (excused)
Ted Maestas
Kim Sorensen
Dana Dmitrich

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Ted Maestas who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Beal to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Dana Dmitrich. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

GOLF COURSE FEES

Board briefly discussed the next step for implementing the golf course fees. Kim explained the increased fee proposal will need to go to the council for approval.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Kim informed the board of current programming in the recreation department. Soccer is progressing through the season and will be finished the end of September. This activity seems to be running smoothly. Other activities nearing an end soon will be cornhole, kickball, and softball.

New activities that are being incorporated include a Learn to Play Pickleball program that will offer five sessions for instruction in which to register. The first offer of Family Soccer Golf took place on Labor Day and response was very positive.

For the first time, a virtual 5K was offered to patrons for the Get to the River Celebration. There were a solid number registered and it enhanced the community celebration. Chalk Art scheduled by the Cultural Arts department also took place during the Get to the River event and there were a variety of participants.

PAVILION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kim stated the contractor is working on the pillars and roof at Pavilion 2. Pavilion 5 plans will be ready for a building permit in about a week. Plans will be given to the contractor who will provide an estimate to build the pavilion. The board is anxious to receive the contractor's estimate as funding has been tight.

WINCHESTER PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Winchester playground is scheduled to be removed and the boulder playground installed in early October. The board discussed the differences between the Poured in Place material vs. wood chips as the base for park playgrounds. After conversation regarding both materials, Sunshine motioned that we should use Poured in Place material wherever possible. Dana seconded the motion and it was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Outdoor pool has been closed for the season and staff has been working on winterizing the area. Kim stated the Park Center is experiencing increased usage as school is back in session. Recreational programs that have recently started or are starting soon, include Junior Jazz for grades K-12, Coed Youth Volleyball, and Flag Football.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions raised at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Kim mentioned it will be a zoom meeting unless otherwise decided. A motion was made to end the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion was unanimous.