

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

**Board Members in Attendance**

Sunshine Szedeli  
Mindy Canova  
Dana Dimitrich  
Ted Maestas  
Bruce Holyoak (employee)  
Kim Sorensen

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Dana Dimitrich.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sunshine made a motion to approve the August minutes. Ted seconded. Motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizens.

**JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION**

The City has officially joined the Jordan River Commission. The Mayor requested that he be appointed as the representative and Kim be the alternate.

**MASTER PLAN RFP**

The Parks & Recreation master plan is out for RFP and the City is currently taking bids. The vendors have until October 1<sup>st</sup> to submit their proposals. Kim has heard from several firms that are interested and the City has put it on a website called SciQuest to get the word out. He wants the board to vote their top three in October's meeting. The Mayor took the budget amount out for the RFP because he felt that if it is more than the budgeted amount, we want to know that and we want a good product that is going to give us guidelines for the next 7-10 years. If it is less than the budgeted amount and still a good product, then even better.

## **BRUCE HOLYOAK, PARK SUPERINTENDENT – DISCUSS PARK ISSUES, MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS**

Bruce introduced himself and his department to the board. They have 15 full time employees and 53 part time employees during the peak summertime. The parks division maintains about 250 acres throughout the city, with 30 restrooms and 90 fixtures being maintained every day from April 1 – October 31. 8 restrooms are kept open year-round. They maintain 12 pavilions, and have 80 pieces of small equipment they use for mowing, edging, trimming, chainsaws etc. Right now, some of the maintenance work they are doing are mitigating the phragmites around the wetlands on the Jordan River, mowing is still going strong, aerating will be starting up, over seeding turf areas and fertilizing. They are prepping fields for the recreation department (flag football, soccer, kickball and softball). Willow Pond and Ken Price host adult leagues so they prep the fields for those. They've replaced some bathroom fixtures recently. They have lost a lot of trees this summer because of the drought conditions, insect and pathogen diseases, but will be replacing a lot of them in the fall. They do the landscaping and maintenance at City Hall as well as a lot of flower landscaping throughout the City. They will be adding a few more areas down along the river near the signs and adding curbing. Katie Lindquist (cultural arts division) has been interviewing and filming the maintenance crew on some of the routine things they do on a regular basis to post on the department's Facebook page. They are doing a lot of landscaping over at the Murray mansion, which entails new pathways, a sprinkling system and removing shrubbery.

He explained that this month is Get Into The River month and the department will be participating in the movement again this year. They work on different areas around the Jordan River to clear out homeless and debris. The police go in and do a sweep for homeless and then they go in after and clean up the debris that is left.

Some of the new projects happening are a new playground at Willow Pond Park, replacing the swings in Murray Park that are 20 years old, replacing the lights at the softball field, replacing the parking lot in front of the outdoor swimming pool. They are also in need of a new dump truck and will be getting one to fit their needs.

He thanked the board for their service and support.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- The Park Center was closed for a couple weeks for cleaning and is now reopen. The pool will reopen on Saturday, which underwent a new pool deck. Marci is in the process of purchasing some new fitness equipment for the facility.
- The City has increased their social media presence.
- There is a bank stabilization project that will happen down by the nature center on the Jordan River Parkway. The draft plan will be online, at the Parks & Recreation office, and the Library.

## **QUESTIONS**

Sunshine asked about the possibility of adding sidewalks down in her area near the new developments. Kim replied saying they are putting in curb and gutter. Where possible, they are leaving four feet open in hopes down the road they can add a sidewalk. The reason they are only doing curb and gutter this year

is because that is all that was funded. He recommended that if she would like sidewalks, she should campaign her council representative.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The board made a motion to end the meeting. Motion was unanimous and meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.