

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Board Members in Attendance

Sunshine Szedeli
Jeff Beal
Dana Dimitrich
Ted Maestas
Kim Sorensen

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order by Ted at 5:40pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sunshine made a motion to approve the January minutes. Jeff seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Kim briefed the board of the meetings they had with MIG on January 29th & 30th. On the 29th, MIG toured all the Parks and Recreation facilities and buildings. They also met with the Project Advisory committee. On the 30th they met with the Mayor's office, City Council members and the Project Leadership committee. He said that both days were very productive. The inventory and assessing of current Parks and Recreation facilities is ongoing.

BUDGET PROCESS

Kim told the board that the midyear budget review with the City Council will be held on February 11th. He explained that all of the Parks and Recreation budget accounts are in balance with the bottom line, which is around 50%. The Cemetery and Parks utility line item budgets are over spent. This is due to the change in water rates last year. The rates are now on a tier system which is based on usage. Because they maintain turf exclusively with most connections, they are charged the higher rates, which is more

than years past. Finance has requested a budget opening in March with City Council. Finance will ask for addition funds in those utility budgets.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Kim mentioned that the City Council requested a conversation about switching the Golf Course from an enterprise fund to the general fund. After discussion, the board thought this would be a good idea if Council makes the change.
- Willow Pond playground has been installed. The contractor needs a 24-hour temperature at about 40 degrees to install the poured in place surfacing. They are hoping to install it in March.
- The Park Center is now offering private swim lessons. The board remembered discussions about this and was glad to hear of the change.
- One of the full time Parks maintenance employees gave his two weeks, so there will be a position opening.
- The board members gave kudos to the Parks department for their timely efforts on snow removal at all the trails, sidewalks and roads they maintain.

QUESTIONS

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted made a motion to end the meeting. Sunshine seconded. Motion was unanimous.