

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA
Scottsbluff City Hall Council Chambers
2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
PARK, CEMETERY, AND TREE BOARD



Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Dan at 6:00 PM

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is posted on the bulletin board at the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Dan, Gene, Carolyn and Kasandra Present. Megan, Ashlee, and Larry Absent. Matt and Trevor Present.

Notice of changes in the agenda by the Park Board President: no changes

Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda: no one present

Minutes: motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting Motion made by Kasandra, 2nd by Gene. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Matt provided financial reports

- a. Park Foundation – \$5,882.68
- b. Cemetery Foundation - \$440.23

Dan informed the group that Megan had more information on the Rotary funds and what needs to be done with them. This is being tabled until the next meeting.

Motion made to accept the financial report by Carolyn, 2nd by Gene, motion carried.

Park and Cemetery Updates:

Matt

- Veterans Park – Survey results came back, had low participation but received good information back. Results indicated bathrooms were the top thing people wanted in the park. Other items listed were outdoor fitness equipment, additional soccer options, and more shade. They indicated they would like to see things that can be done together, parent/child. Looking at upgrades to splash pad, new younger kids' playground, mini-soccer pitch system, and opening bathrooms. Removal of tennis courts, basketball court and backstop will be completed in the renovation.
- Westmoor Park – Looking to replace tennis courts with 6 pickleball courts, working on getting the plan in place and having current courts surveyed.
- Westmoor Pool – Closed August 4th. Had good attendance all season and the addition of credit card readers helped to increase revenue and not turn anyone away that didn't

have cash. No major repairs and only closed one day after June storm for cleanup. Fence is scheduled to be fixed in conjunction with the tree trunk removal.

- Riverside Park – New shelter being put up by Kiwanis. We formed for the concrete and then the club had it poured. Should be done soon.
- Cemetery – Reported on the amount of tree damage from June storm. Down 50 trees from 2016. Will be putting in grant trees and working with NRD to get more if possible. Holding a tree felling workshop in October for our employees and the surrounding towns.
- Recreation Supervisor – Hired for the position and will start August 19th. Will be a big help in creating new events and recreation programs for the city. Will bring adult rec leagues back in-house, more control and will help improve them going forward.
- Cleveland Field – Outfield fence is out for bid, will be replaced in the next few months.

Trevor

- New Tractor – Received our new tractor used to pull the 22' mower.
- Seasonals are going back to school, so we have lost several. Have 3 still on staff for now.
- Working on catching up on mowing from all the rain. With the tall grass, has grass clippings to clean up after mowing in a few of the parks. Added more work to the usual mowing schedule.
- Landers irrigation repairs, fixed the main line including 3 tee sections due to leaks. Thinks the system loses pressure over night and then when it kicks on, the surge of water is causing the leaks at the tees. Probably several small leaks throughout the system that causes it to lose pressure.

Other Business:

Movies in the park, Summer Recap – We only had one movie go on as planned, the other two were cancelled due to weather. The last one of the summer was cancelled due to wet conditions and cold temperatures. Talked about having a place to go in case of bad weather, maybe somewhere like the YMCA pavilion. Would be nice to have an alternative spot if weather doesn't cooperate. Dan will attend a council meeting thanking them for their support of the movies.

Pathway Signage – Picture files were given to Gene to add to the sign. He has the design done and just needed to put the pictures in. Will include around 6 pictures on each sign. Will get 4-6 signs made. Locations discussed were by the pedestrian bridge, Riverside Park, 27th & Ave I, and by Reganis. Gene will coordinate with Megan on the signs to get them completed. Also discussed dog waste receptacles, trash cans, etc. to finish out the north portion of the pathway.

Easter Egg Hunt – Carolyn apologized for the incident with the eggs this year. She wasn't at the last couple of meetings, so wanted to share her thoughts and make sure everything is good. Matt let her know that we received an apology and will continue to utilize the group to help with the

project. Carolyn talked about getting the eggs to the school earlier and make sure we take them the empty bins to put the eggs in when filled with candy.

New Business:

Dan announced to the group that he was asked to be on the Comprehensive Plan steering committee to represent Parks & Recreation.

Schedule Next Meeting: Meeting will be October 9, 2024

Adjournment: Carolyn made motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM, 2nd by Kasandra. Motion carried.