

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

Kim Seebeck	Doug Garrett	Kathy Dickerson
Shannon Harding	Greg Rhames	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Brad Hagarty	Kyle Ament
Patrick Utz	Don Edwards	Terry Edwards
Jeff Davidson	Dave Mast	Joe Otto
Linda Darrock		

II. Topics for Discussion

U of I Presentation – Immediately prior to the Board Meeting, the engineering student group from the University of Iowa gave its presentation regarding the Red Bridge Project. The group provided valuable information to be used in planning any future move of the Red Bridge from Reasnor to an area designated inside Quarry Springs Park (QSP) that would allow for access to and from Downtown Colfax. There was discussion about making the presentation available on the QSP website.

Agenda Approval – Kim Seebeck invited a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Pat Utz; 2nd by Brad Hagarty. Motion approved.

Financials – Kathy Dickerson presented the financial report:

Account Balances as of 12/12/18:

- Savings:
 - Balance: \$77,226.69
- Checking:
 - Balance: \$3,825.20
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$100.00
- Overall Total: \$81,151.89

Shannon Harding moved to approve the financials; 2nd by Mary Dell Flattery. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from November 12th Meeting – Greg Rhames moved for approval; 2nd by Kathy. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- **Operation/Planning Committee** – Doug Garrett asked Pete Parvi to update the Board re marking bike trail. Pete reported he and his son have marked most of the trail and continue to clear it; he encouraged members to go out and walk or run the trail as flags mark the areas. Doug indicated he'll contact the insurance carrier to confirm we're covered for this type of trail, but didn't anticipate any difficulty. Next, Doug noted that the barricades are up for the campground road because it's dinged up and needs to dry out; it's walkable but no one needs to drive through at present. Lastly, Doug will be making arrangements to have the Ranger picked up in order to have needed service performed. Otherwise, he turned it over to Greg to talk about the status of the well.

Kim briefly summarized the current situation regarding the well. Following a meeting with George Dickerson wherein he recommended another possible well service provider, Greg met with Jim Carey of Carey Drilling Company. The existing well is good well: the screens are in good shape; aggregate on outside of screen, should give good flow. While the two sections of the pipe have been removed, the pump itself can be left where it is (so Board can avoid expense of removing old pump; Cahoy Pump's estimate included \$9,000 just to remove old pump). The water is 15 feet below the top of well, that leaves 35 feet between current water level and the well head. Roughly 10 feet above the old well, that still gives 25 feet of good water above. With regard to water testing, Carey Drilling would come out and test it using the city's generator with a pump – for a \$200 fee, the well would be run for an entire day and the City staff would take four samples for Keystone testing. If the water is good, Carey Drilling could install a 60 gallon per minute (gpm) pump with a lifespan of about 10 years. At a cost of about \$5,000 for the pump itself and a total cost between \$7-9,00, not including electric from the pump outward. Greg also reported that he, Bob Rhone and Doug discussed an after-the-fact building with surge tank and water treatment system, and showers/toilets. Discussion with the Board ensued. Greg moved for Board approval to spend \$200 to test the water in the existing well – Doug indicated the Committee could spend that amount without a motion and Board approval; accordingly, the committee planned to move forward with the water testing. Kim asked about difference between a 60 gpm and 100 gpm pump – there is a difference of about \$1,000 in costs plus the action of a surge tank. Further discussion ensued. Greg also reported that Bob Rhone is going to talk to Denny Lester and Tom Wilson about getting power installed in the area

of the well. Finally, it was noted that water test results should be available in January and a more definitive quote would be available then.

Next, regarding the proposed beach, Greg provided a handout to those in attendance and reviewed it with the Board. The spot marked on the south side of the north lake denotes the basic layout of the beach. It would begin just past that big stand of trees as you're heading east on the island past the cable fence. If you were to turn left past that stand of trees heading toward shore, that's where the beach would be. The elongated donut looking piece on the handout is the berm. It's a fairly good size beach. The anonymous donor would move 10,000 cubic yards of dirt to create an island and then dig below water level for the beach. The area in front of the beach would be about four to five feet deep and would allow water to circulate through. Note that the beach wouldn't be considered part of the lake – it would be a separate lagoon. Greg cautioned the handout is a rough drawing and at present there is no timetable for the project. Doug indicated one of the individuals associated with the anonymous donor is "tied into the Altoona Boy Scout Troop" and "they're envisioning it as an Eagle Scout project." Shannon expressed surprise and reminded the Board of the previous significant delays and difficulties associated with past Eagle Scout projects, despite newspaper articles to the contrary. Doug indicated that he advised the individual that the Eagle Scouts were going to have to come to the Board and make a presentation. Lastly, Doug reminded the Board that, as agreed, the Colfax Police Department began closing the park as of December 3rd and it seemed to be going smoothly.

- **Promotions Committee** – Doug reported QSP was awarded an Iowa Tourism Grant relative to the Paddle Skedaddle event in the sum of \$2,700 or so; a \$1,200 match will be required. Kim reported that she has not heard any final word from Bass Pro and her request for their sponsorship of the event. Next, she reported QSP did have a booth in the old Napa store during the Colfax Country Christmas; one of Greg's new pedal-drive kayaks was on display, Paddle Skedaddle was promoted with a few posters and those staffing the booth chatted with participants. Pat Utz reported that he has not yet heard how much, if any, of the Facebook "Giving Tuesday" matching funds QSP might receive. However, a total of \$2,070 was raised in donations. Pat reported that he hoped to hear in the next week or two about the match. He noted that there were lots of nonprofit groups that had big donors matching any donations made, but even if QSP is not awarded any matching funds from Facebook, it was definitely a successful fundraising event. Mary Dell reminded the Board that the next Promotions meeting is immediately following this Board meeting. Lastly, Doug advised that he had recently received a \$250 anonymous donation and \$25 donation from Bill and Karen Edgar – he suggested those funds be earmarked for the entrance sign.

Old Business

IDNR Reap Grant Update – Kyle Ament reported that QSP did not get the grant for a boat ramp as applied and hoped for. He was told one issue is that the grant is funded with marine sales tax money and so the DNR is expecting to see that type of use at the park. If we want to be a successful grant applicant, QSP will ultimately have to allow gas motors with no wake. Kyle noted that he isn't totally opposed to motors, but if the Board and park were to continue to allow electric-only motors, he doesn't believe a concrete ramp is needed. Discussion ensued, including issues of liability, insurance costs, and monitoring motor usage on the lake. Further discussions will be had next year on the issue. On another note, Kyle reported the DNR came out December 3rd and stocked the west and north lakes with "wipers." It's a hybrid fish – a cross of ocean striped bass and white bass – that is sterile and won't reproduce. The DNR added 600 total fish, 300 in each of the two lakes. Wipers are aggressive and keep shad down. Kyle indicated QSP got some of the bigger wiper fish because stocking occurred here at the conclusion of the project.

Entrance Sign – Metal Option – Rough Pricing – Kim advised that Sign Pro in Newton provided her with an estimate for a 6' x 9' metal sign, with 12-15" high letters (that should be visible from the highway at 100 to 120 feet away), at a cost between \$3,500-3,800. Kim provided a handout with potential concept designs and indicated a more definitive "hard" design would probably be beneficial and encourage people to donate. Discussion ensued. Kim will provide additional information at the next Board meeting.

Quarry Springs Outfitters (QSO) Year-End Report – Greg provided a handout for the Board's review. It includes kayak rentals by month and product sales for the year. He presented Kathy with a check for \$418.86 which represents QSP's share of the profits earned by QSO as provided for in the contract. Further, Greg advised the Board that he has added new products to his website (quarryspringsoutfitters.com) so perhaps sales will increase in 2019. He also hopes to put on some kind of kayak event at the park next summer. Dave Mast advised of the possibility of fireworks on the lakes during July 4th, perhaps like the Iowa Games in Ames. Discussion ensued.

New Business

January Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Colfax Methodist Church.

Adjournment – Greg moved to adjourn; 2nd by Mary Dell. Motion approved.