

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

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| Kim Seebeck | Doug Garrett | Shannon Pell |
| Greg Rhames | Pat Utz | Pete Parvi |
| Brad Hagarty | Kevin Hartgers | Terry Edwards |
| Don Edwards | Mary Dell Flattery | Wade Wagoner |
| Jeff Davidson | | |

II. Guests

Connor Redhead and Scoutmaster Josh Redhead. Connor is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout. Quarry Springs Park was his favorite park last year for kayaking and he noted there are few, if any, local backpack/kayak/canoe-in camping sites. He would like to create such an area at QSP as his Eagle Scout project – a hike-in/kayak-in/canoe-in campsite in the far east end of park. Connor provided the Board with handouts regarding a possible site layout and displayed aluminum signs crafted for that purpose. The scouts will clear the area (using excavator, skid loader & bush hog), install a concrete ramp, signage, fire pit and picnic table. Discussion ensued and concern expressed re urgent timeline. Greg Rhames moves to approve project in the area between the far left sign and the second to far right sign as depicted on Connor’s map, including a trail from the lake to the campsite, as indicated; Brad Hagarty offers an amendment: a stipulation that a member of the Board supervise construction and final sign off. Greg offered to supervise. Further discussion ensued regarding the project. 2nd by Don Edwards. Motion passed.

III. Topics for Discussion

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

Approval of Minutes from July 10 – Kim invited a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019, Board meeting. Greg so moved; 2nd by Pete Parvi. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **Operation/Planning Committee** – Storm Damage – the Board has obtained estimates for the block building roof, office roof and chair replacements. Wade Wagoner advised the Board that the City Council has authorized an emergency resolution for those repairs by Wood Roofing. That information will be submitted to the insurance agency/adjuster and it is hoped repairs can proceed quickly.

Entrance Sign – Kevin Hartgers advised that he is trying to get a bucket truck in order to complete the project to install power for the entrance sign. Greg advised Kevin that Denny Lester may be willing to help so Greg encouraged Kevin to contact Denny. Brad advised that he has kept Bob Brown updated regarding the efforts to light up the entrance sign and will continue to do so. Kevin further noted that Bob Mayer is going to donate most of the materials needed.

Road to East – Less clam shells are required than originally anticipated – we'll be using them only at the gates created. Old power/telephone poles will be used to denote barriers/parking instead. All poles inside the park have been salvaged and Denny Lester is going to get more for the park's use. The Board should be able to open the road in the next couple weeks. Further, it was noted that Denny Lind has come in and run the City's skid steer to assist in this effort.

Use of Mower – Recently the celluloid went out on the Skagg mower, but it's been repaired and returned. Discussion ensued regarding when to use the City's John Deere mower and when to use the Skagg mower based upon park topography. Recently, Greg went back with the tractor and bush hog on the dike trail and the trail on the east and north sides of the park. On the north side and far east side, and in the big area between the parking lot and the lake, please use the tractor for mowing.

Update on crop land lease – Becks has advised the Board they will not be renewing the lease. The district sales manager for Becks and others at Van Wahl have indicated an interest. Discussion ensued regarding the number of acres and lease-price per acre and potential other persons or groups interested in leasing the area as noted by Brad. Pat moves to contact John McGlothlin to see whether he has any interest in leasing the land; if there is, the Board will prepare a full Request for Proposal (RFP) and open it up to the public. If there is no interest, then the Board could move forward with entering a contract with Alex's group. 2nd by Greg. Motion passed.

- **Promotions Committee** – Pat reported a survey is being sent out regarding Paddle Skedaddle.

Old Business

- **Wacky Yakker Games** – Greg provided a summary of the recently held Wacky Yakker Games.
- **Membership Feature for Facebook & QSP website** – Kim encouraged Board member completion of the previously provided handout for use on FB and website. Features are being seen and getting interest.
- **Park Benches** – We're exploring other options; Mingo Products cannot help.

Reminder: Chris Miller/Fishing Day & Benefit for Parkinson's/QSP – Mr. Miller's event will be held on September 7, 2019.

New Business

Second Annual Picnic/Potluck to be held October 6, 2019 – Colfax PD, Fire and City employees will be invited to join us for a BBQ/Potluck at the park.

REAP Grant submittal – Wade reported that tomorrow is the application deadline. The Board is looking at building a shower house/restroom, septic facility and new well. Overall plan costs are about \$300k – with the REAP grant, we're seeking \$75k. The City/Board have obtained a lot of nice letters of support for the project and the project conforms to the park's master plan. If and when this grant were awarded, all location and information will be brought to the Board for final approval. Wade noted a consulting firm offered their services for free regarding grant preparation and that no matching funds are required because the City is the applicant.

IPAIT – Kim presented the Board with information and handouts concerning the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust (IPAIT). This program is used by municipalities and allows for greater earning power on monies deposited with less restriction on access. Discussion ensued. Pat moved to approve of the Board's participation in the IPAIT program; 2nd by Greg. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting – Please note the next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Colfax Methodist Church.

Adjournment – Mary Dell Flattery moved to adjourn; 2nd by Brad. Motion passed.