

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

November 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

Kim Seebeck	Doug Garrett	Kathy Dickerson
Shannon Harding	Greg Rhames	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Kent Deal	Don Edwards
Patrick Utz	Jeff Davidson	Linda Darrock
Stuart Patterson	Dave Mast	Steve Parvi
Jenna Teed		

II. Topics for Discussion

Guests – Steve Parvi, park user and board member’s son. He’d like to create a hiking and biking trail, past Schlosser land, in the area between the South Skunk River and the existing dike trail. No cost to Quarry Springs Park (QSP) or the Board would be involved. There would be a long stretch of trail (about 1.2 miles south of existing trail) and another portion (maybe .25 mile), between dike trail and the lake side. Both Steve and Pete Parvi report neither area is prone to flooding. Steve proposes to clear the land and create the dirt trail himself. Shannon Harding moves to approve Steve Parvi’s marking out the proposed trail areas with flags so that it can be viewed by the QSP insurer or any other necessary party; 2nd by Pat Utz. Motion approved. Kim Seebeck advised Steve that the Board would take the idea to the City and let him know the outcome.

Jenna Teed attended this evening’s meeting as she may be interested in becoming involved as a Board member next year.

Agenda Approval – Kim Seebeck invited a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Doug Garrett; 2nd by Shannon. Motion approved.

Financials – Kathy Dickerson presented the financial report.

Account Balances as of 11/12/18:

- Savings:
 - Balance: \$72,205.91

- Checking:
 - Balance: \$12,590.09
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$100.00
- Overall Total: \$84,898.00

Greg Rhames moved to approve the financials; 2nd by Kent Deal. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from October 10th Meeting – Pete moved for approval; 2nd by Kathy. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- **Promotions Committee** – 2019 Duathlon “Paddle Skedaddle” Fundraiser: Mary Dell passed around a handout with T-shirt design ideas/color options and asked for preferences by Board. Two colors will be needed – one designated for participants and one for volunteers. Advertising will begin in December and the Committee will get the information out and onto the appropriate sites. Matt Scotton with Kinetic Edge met with the Committee at its last meeting, providing planning assistance for the event. Costs were projected and discussed, and event pricing was finalized. Mary Dell noted that lots of help will be needed on the day of the race. Posters need to be ordered employing the same t-shirt logo/design, and then that same design can be used in our other advertising. An Iowa Tourism Grant was applied for in an effort to off-set some of the costs associated. Kim further advised that she approached Bass Pro and asked for a \$1,000 sponsorship of the Duathlon. Discussion ensued. Ultimately, referring to the handout, Option B prevailed following a show of hands by the Board.
- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Doug reported that all the Eagle Scout projects are now complete. There are presently no other projects to complete given the weather, other than picking up downed trees. Unfortunately, the painting of the interior of the block building was not completed due to the health problems suffered by Tony Edwards and his wife. Next, Doug advised the road going up to the east end is on hold until spring and will involve possible planning consideration of any beach created in that area. Note that Kevin Hartgers has turned water off for the season (Don’t flush!). Doug reported that he’s been dropping off the newest brochures at realtors’ offices in Newton and other areas. Next, Doug advised the Board he spoke with Mindy, the manager at Kum n’ Go, some time ago about the folks that park in their parking lot and walk down to fish – proposing that perhaps Kum & Go pay for an ADA-compliant ramp down that hill. It’s being considered now, but it is not known when a decision might be

forthcoming. Further, if that project were to happen, Doug indicated he may apply for the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation Grant to cover our costs to then build a sidewalk off of any ADA ramp to a nearby pad with picnic tables. Lastly, Doug shared an update regarding the well condition: some folks came out Thursday and JD met with them because he (Doug) was attending Bob Rhone's father's services. JD wasn't in on Friday and today was a holiday so Doug hasn't had chance to catch up with JD. He'll email the Board with an update once he's spoken with JD. The Operations Committee does not have a meeting planned for December, but may schedule a workday if the weather permits.

Park Entrance Sign: Kim reported she and Brad Hagarty got together and she recently emailed the concepts for an entrance sign to the Board and asked for feedback. The tally and handout were passed and discussion ensued. Kim will get some more information regarding the metal entrance sign style depicted.

Opening & Closing of Park - Doug talked with Chief Summy and the Colfax Police Department would be willing to lock the park for us. Through the winter months we won't have people camping so that's not an issue in the winter. But come the spring, we can't have the police checking the camping registration stuff so we'll need to make arrangements to handle it. Notably, the City ordinance will now read that the park officially closes 30 minutes AFTER sunset. That's how it will read as far as ticket-writing. Brad Hagarty suggested during the last Board meeting that the gate be left unlocked. Discussion ensued – the Board concluded it wants the park locked every night. Shannon is concerned about liability issues also if the park were to be left unlocked. Finally, a brief discussion was had regarding lighting up the logo that's been painted on the side of the office.

- **University of Iowa Student Presentation/Red Bridge** – Jeff Davidson advised the U of I students will be ready to present their report at the December meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the public will be encouraged to attend. Kim advised it will likely be the only item on the agenda. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Jeff further advised the Board would be given an electronic version of the students' final report. Doug noted the December meeting can occur in the sanctuary where a large screen can be used during the presentation.

Old Business

Status of Well Condition – see Operations/Planning Committee Update above.

New Business

December Board Meeting – As noted above, there will be a December Board meeting in order to allow for the U of I student presentation regarding the Red Bridge project.

Facebook Gives Back – Pat Utz advised the Board that on November 27, “Giving Tuesday,” Facebook offers to match charitable donations made, up to a 7 million dollar maximum. Pat recommends that we seek to raise funds for a park entrance sign. Any money raised would be used to purchase a sign for the park and matching funds would be helpful. Discussion ensued. Pat will create a fundraiser for the event.

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