

# Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

## September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

### I. Attendees & Guests

Kim Seebeck	Doug Garrett	Kathy Dickerson
Shannon Harding	Greg Rhames	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Patrick Utz	Kyle Ament
Brad Hagarty	Don Edwards	Dave Mast
Jeff Davidson	U of I Professor & Students	Bob Rhone
Tony Edwards		

### II. Topics for Discussion

**Guests – Professor Rick Fosse and students Bryton Meyer, Alexandre Von Rohrbach and Adam Tuchscherer of the University of Iowa.** Jeff Davidson introduced the U of I Civil Environmental Engineering Senior Capstone class to the Board. The group will be working with us on the project through mid-December to devise a plan to relocate the Red Bridge from Reasnor to Colfax as access into the Quarry Springs Park (QSP) from downtown Colfax. Recall that the Master Plan calls for trail network and connecting into Downtown – the student group will provide a blue print for moving forward with the project assuming we get it funded. Doing so sets us up to be ready to proceed. Alex is the project manager. He expressed to the Board that the group is excited to be able to help. He explained their project will include performing a structural analysis of bridge and designs for moving it. That will include designing piers, abutments and the trail system for QSP’s future benefit. The group will also perform a cost analysis. The final presentation will be made in December and include a final report. At that time, the group will be available to answer questions and the Board will obtain a good preliminary design. Alex will report to Jeff every two weeks to provide a status update. Jeff will then pass the information along to keep the Board in the loop.

**Tony Edwards** has begun painting the inside of the west half of the block building. It looks great thus far and the Board expressed its appreciation for Tony’s work.

**Bob Rhone** updated the Board concerning the old well head at QSP. The well is approximately the same depth as the wells in town – 42-43 feet, maybe 47-48 due to elevation – and is sourced to the same aquifer that the City uses for its water supply. Bob reported he was finally able to get things coordinated enough to use a generator on site at QSP. A Dickerson Mechanical employee was also on site to be sure everything was hooked up right. After several

trials and errors due to unmarked wiring, they got the well head spinning. He could feel air coming through and they saw “drips” at the top of the well head. Bob stated that based upon the casing looking good as far as the exterior is concerned, he believes it’s viable to go to the next stage of this well project – contacting a company to pull the well head and assess it. The Cahoy Group in Sumner, Iowa, has provided an estimate for pulling all necessary components, and using a camera on the inside of the casing for assessment purposes. The estimate to perform the work/assessment is just under \$4,000. Bob has talked to George Dickerson, who indicated he may have someone that could do the same thing with another group and it might be less expensive. The Board will need to follow up with George on that. Bob noted that a stainless steel screen will be required at the bottom of the well head to make the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) happy. Bob further indicated that if it is found that the casing is deteriorating, there are two choices: (1) put in a new casing, or (2) put a new liner in existing casing. Next, on the line bringing water into system, the DNR will require a check valve so water doesn’t flow back into aquifer; they may require two. The well head will have to be 4’ above highest minimum water level; it already meets that requirement. Bob reported consumption will have to be inside a well house, to introduce chlorine. QSP would have its own permit, independent of the City of Colfax water supply. The benefit to the City is that QSP becomes an alternative source for the City. However, if City wells are getting low, this one will get low along with it. He was excited about the potential for this well head to pump water back into the City supply if the City crew has to treat surface water. The size of a well house/bath house was discussed and it was noted the location is pretty good for a bath/shower house as compared to master plan for that immediate area. The distribution system should be relatively easy to install from that location. Denny Lester had assured the crew they could get “three-phase” over there, probably underground – and it wouldn’t have to be that deep there. Further discussion ensued, including a question and answer period. Bob advised the Board that the City recently paid \$15,000 for a new pump for its well because the existing pump was built in 1964/65 and parts were no longer available. So he advised it might be a better idea to replace QSP’s old pump with a new pump, versus pulling it to assess it, etc. Don Edwards moved to approve a cap of \$4,000 to be spent on the well project for a check of the existing well head and pump, once at least one more estimate or quote is obtained, and that Greg Rhames, Doug Garrett and he act as a subcommittee that will make the decision about which vendor to use to accomplish the task; 2nd by Mary Dell Flattery.

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

**Financials** – Kathy Dickerson presented the financial report.

**Account Balances as of 9/12/18:**

- Savings:
  - Balance: \$72,166.86
- Checking:
  - Balance: \$5,880.54
- Cash Accounts:
  - Petty Cash - Archery: \$100.00

Kathy noted the checking account balance includes the sum of \$265.00 raised for an ADA fishing dock. Greg moved to approve the financials; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting** – Doug moved for approval with one correction as discussed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

- **Promotions Committee** – Duathlon: Doug reported an extension of the submission deadline through Monday at 4 pm for the Iowa Tourism Grant that would help the Board put on the Duathlon. The duathlon event will be called “Paddle Skedaddle.” A number of quotes have come in for costs associated with t-shirts, posters, rental items (buoy, sound system), etc. The Board will probably seek about \$4,500 in its grant application. A tentative event date has been selected: 6/22/19.
- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Doug reported the road into the campground had to be closed again due to flooding in a really low corner in the SW section. He and Pete Parvi advised we’re going to have to rake and add more wood chips. Next, a friend of Dennis Farland’s will start painting the QSP logo on the outside of the office building tomorrow; the scaffolding has been erected for that. Officially we’ve been contacted by the Colfax-Mingo 5th grade teachers – they’ll be out on April 18 through 19, 2019, for their annual outing; Baxter Elementary wants to come out Monday, April 22, 2019. Next, Doug reported that we have finally received the Prairie Meadows grant check to fund the post/cable fencing on the east end of the island. However, due to the beach potential, we’ll hold off until we know what equipment the group forming the beach might want/need to get back to that area. Notably, the funds do not have to be spent until June 2019 so we have time to hold off. Doug talked to Josh today from the central Iowa construction company creating the beach – they’ll be out to take more measurements but they have pretty good feel for what they want to do. Doug asked about the lagoon concept – they like the idea and feel like it can be done. They’ll get

back to us soon with definitive answers; sounds like the owners are willing to take on any costs associated. Doug noted that we're still waiting to hear from the City's insurance company about insurance costs/premiums once a swimming beach is added – it's been a two-month wait thus far. Next, Doug noted another newspaper article about the Red Bridge should come out soon because a reporter was out today covering the U of I student involvement. This Saturday morning an Eagle Scout group is coming in to build more osprey nests; Denny Lester is also coming. Regarding the other Eagle Scout project – the Camping Registration Kiosk, and its roof in particular – it is now supposed to be completed by the second Saturday in October. Lastly, Doug noted that without the City tractor mower, we can't cover the mowing needed at present, so more volunteers are needed to mow at QSP.

Discussion ensued regarding the "Working Project List for QSP" handout circulated by Kim.

Kyle Ament addressed the Board regarding the Water Access Grant with the DNR. Specifically, Kyle reported he will be resubmitting the previous proposal with a few modifications. An engineer has performed a survey of the parking lot area. Accordingly, a viable design can now be worked into the grant application. He'll be seeking \$25,500 for a boat ramp, \$8,018 for a boat dock through Iowa Prison Industries, and funds to specific to redirecting water in the parking lot at a cost of about \$4,800, for a grand total of \$38,318. 75% of the total cost would be funded through the grant, if awarded. QSP would then need to come up with the remaining 25%, or just under \$10,000. The grant application must be submitted by September 30. Shannon moved to approve the submission of the Water Access Grant as discussed; 2nd by Patrick Utz. Motion approved.

- **Update on Board Membership** – Discussion was had regarding commitment to the QSP Board, membership and attendance. Confirmed/verified committee memberships.

## **Old Business**

***Eagle Scout Projects/Osprey Nests & Camping Registration Kiosk update*** – see discussion in Operations/Planning Committee Update above.

***Beach Potential Update*** – see discussion in Operations/Planning Committee Update above.

Impromptu discussion regarding fishing out at the lakes, including bow fishing. The Board may need to approach the City about modifying its ordinance prohibiting bow fishing.

## **New Business**

***Board and Friends 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Potluck – Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.*** – Kim reported several folks have RSVP'd for the potluck. It's open to Board members, spouses and family, and good friends of the park. Come out and enjoy.

**Adjournment** – Greg moved to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Motion approved.