

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

2-7-24 @ 2pm

Mueller Civic Center, HS SD 57747

In Attendance: Linda Varvel, Chairman. Alderwoman Debra Johnston, City Administrator Bob Nelson, City Employees Bart Sieg and Gabby Martin. Public Shelley Hargans Brown and Caitlin Mosset from KHSB. Jason Midgley from Pickleball, Gerald Collogan, Jennifer and Clint Sheldon from the School Street Playground.

There was no Cemetery update as Lori was not in attendance.

Parks Update per Bart city crews continue to do sign work, trees and working on plows as time allows. City council did approve at the 2-5-24 meeting for services with Tru Green to spray city parks and other city properties for the 2024 year.

Recreation update per Gabby, We had our last weekend of indoor soccer. We will be starting pickleball and open gym and have had a high interest in roller skating at the Tays center but only 3 have signed up to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Irrigating public access area along Fall River adjacent to Centennial Park. We have all the parts and city crews will do this project in house.

Tree Grant: At the 2-5-24 council meeting council approved the mayor to sign the grant and acceptance form for DANR Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry Grant Award of up to \$75,000 for existing tree care, maintenance and tree removal with accompanying replanting.

We discussed the KHSB plan to do year round lighting at Centennial Park. The plan asked for 3 more electric pedestals be put in the park with underground conduit to bring electricity to 5 deciduous trees and 12 cedar trees. It was stated that said conduit needed to be buried at least 18" deep and infringe upon the existing sprinkler system. Alderwoman Johnston suggested looking into a solar system hook up for each tree, Shelley and Caitlin agreed to look into that.

School Street Playground Update Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have been working with the City Administrator trying to get vendors to provide costs and layout for the playground. When that is complete City Administrator will apply for matching grants. The family is still fundraising and have one scheduled in March here in Hot Springs. The fundraiser at the Rush Hockey game did not meet their expectations.

OLD BUSINESS: Jason Midgley was present to check on what supplies were here and what was on back order. Gabby presented receipts and would ask Adam to check on the back order items.

Public Comment: Gabby reported the baseball Association contacted her about putting privacy fence up around the field to prevent people from watching the games as their plan was to start charging admission. They need to contact City Administrator. A request was made to move the Batting cage to where the sheds are, move sheds to next to the concession stand to provide for more seating that the city to pay for. Duane Cruz to contact City Administrator.

Adjourn at 2:34 pm. With next meeting March 6, 2pm at the Mueller Center.