

January 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Ken Schmieding, Brett Wobken, Andrea Baack, Brady Johnson, Kelley Limback, Jim Placke, and Sandy Wright. Absent: Justin Hartman. Others in attendance: Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode, Golf Shop Manager Cody Herald and City Councilmember Ellen Beck.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and Municipal Building. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at this location for public inspection.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Randy Chapp. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and the Municipal Building.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Moved by Baack, seconded by Schmieding that the minutes of October 7, 2019 meeting be approved.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Chapp asked VP Johnson or VP Baack to get motions for President for the 2020 meetings. Schmieding nominated Chapp to continue as President, Baack seconded that motion. Chapp accepted the nomination.

Aye: Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright

Nay: None

Abstain: Chapp

Absent: Hartman

President Chapp then asked for nominations for the VP position. Schmieding nominated Johnson and Baack to continue in that capacity. Placke seconded the motion. Both Johnson and Baack accepted the position.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman

Finally Chapp asked for nominations from the board for the secretary position, noting that Wright's term was over and she was resigning from the board after serving for 20 years. Johnson nominated Limback seconded by Placke. Limback accepted the nomination.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman

****The agenda order was rearranged****

7. CHANGE GOLF RANGE MEMBERSHIP

Cody Herald presented a proposal on the driving range rates. Herald proposed a rate increase from \$100 to \$150 for single memberships and for family memberships to \$225 (with season pass) and \$275 (without pass). Based on 2019 earnings, this would increase revenue by \$1325 (with same amount of passes). All agreed this was a good idea. Placke did add he would like to retain the \$100 Jr. rate fee for high school students and younger.

Johnson made the motion to amend the fees and keep the \$100 fee for students, Baack seconded.

Aye: Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright, Chapp

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman

5. NONAFFILIATED 8 AND U TEAM USING CATTLE TRAINING BUILDING

Adam Bode reported that there have been some complaints and questions regarding the Cattle Training Center Policy. Primarily the 8 and U teams feel discriminated against because of their young age and inability to use the training center. The policy of the Training Center was discussed thoroughly and at length in 2019 by this board. Due to the number of teams wishing to use the Center and use availability, use would only include 10 and U on up, based on the probability that 8 and U are least likely to need the practice and they would have the most limited opportunity because of time of day. Twenty four teams have been drafted, 3 of those being 8 and U. Very hard to schedule 21 teams and allow for Concordia as well as Seward High to also have accessibility. The "Gray Area" in the policy seems to affect JR. Jays Baseball and Jazz Softball. Baack led the discussion that perhaps a fee increase would make a difference, noting that she could see both sides of the complaint at hand. Johnson agreed with Baack that this would be an issue not going away. At this point in time Chairman Chapp made the recommendation that because the policy was so new, we leave it as is and put this matter on the October agenda to reevaluate.

3. DRIVEWAY UP TO PLUM CREEK SHOP

Adam reported that there had been a few isolated instances where vehicles were driving up the approach to the shop at the TWO PLEX or the fields and concessions at the FOURPLEX. As a reminder there will be signage installed at both places to remind everyone that these are not for driving purposes.

4. REC BASKETBALL PLAYING AT HALFTIME OF A HIGH SCHOOL GAME

The Rec Department, players and parents would like the teams to exhibition play at half time at one of the upcoming varsity games. The board was in complete agreement to go ahead with this if they could get court availability.

6. WINTER SPORTS – REPORT ON EACH ACTIVITY

Adam reported that there are 24 teams playing basketball. That is 6 down from prior year. He plans to do some checking there. Boys play at the high school gym on Saturday mornings and girls are at the middle school gym. Johnson agreed that things were going well there and he liked the format that the coaches were using. Baack agreed. Adam also reported that at the back of his mind was spring sports, so in March they would be getting ready for Soccer, Baseball and Softball. Our 3rd and 4th grade Soccer teams will travel to play in Lincoln in the Y League. It will cost a little more, but they will be playing 7 total games and will be a little more competitive.

Swimming Pool apps will also go out . Have a really good crew right now. Won't need to have very many new hires. Pool heater was delivered on January 14, 2020 to be stored until installed in 2021. Also starting the pond project at the golf course shortly and hoping to finish by May. Moving the Pro Shop back upstairs. City applying for a Liquor License, so as to sell alcohol. Chez Bubba terminated his lease for the restaurant. Decisions on food are still in planning stages.

At 5:58 p.m., motion made by Johnson, seconded by Placke to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Wobken, Schmieding, Baack, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wright, Chapp

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Wright