

July 13, 2020

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

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. The 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 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

Motion by Baack, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of January 13, 2020 meeting be approved.

Aye: Chapp, Baack, Harman, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Schmieding.

2. UPDATE ON CITY SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Baseball and Softball - Due to the regulations put in place as a response to COVID-19, 2 teams decided not to participate in the season. Two 8U boys and girls teams played each other this season. Waivers were signed and checked off by the city attorney. Teams that came to play signed waivers, too.

Youth AAA tournament ran the weekend of July 11. The tournament ran smoothly. They had everything they needed to be safe. (Hartman) There was a tournament July 31- Aug 2 for softball.

The T-ball season was canceled.

3. SUMMER SPORTS – REPORT ON EACH ACTIVITY

Tackle Football. The administrator for tackle football had not responded about plans. There will probably not be a season. Buying face shields for each player was discussed. The cost would be \$15/player. The tackle football season would end up running at a loss of revenue. Chapp asked if flag football and soccer would be running.

Seward Dowding Pool. The pool is running well after a delayed opening. The season pass price was adjusted due to the late opening. The day pass price remained the same. The pool is closing Aug. 9 based on schools opening on time.

Public properties upkeep. The shelter at Wake Park and Jeep playground structure being installed at Armory Park.

Golf Course. The golf course is busy and in great shape. Placke reported complaints about no range balls being available to golfers; the price has gone up, there should be balls. The bar and pro shop will open Monday, Aug. 20. The grass that was killed off last year - now has weeds that are not attractive. The intent was to have native grass to come up, but it didn't come up. Draining for holes 9 and 4 will be coming. People are walking up from Augusta and hitting balls. Is this something that needs to be policed?

Cemetery. There are two new employees at the cemetery. It seems to be a successful transition. There was positive feedback about operations and the work done for Memorial weekend.

4. REPORTS

Rachel Miller's name was suggested for the Park & Recreation board.

The suggestion was made that the entire committee would receive email updates during the uncertainty of COVID-19.

It was noted that the 5th Wheel camper at the 4H area has been upgraded.

At 5:25 p.m., motion made by Johnson, seconded by Hartman to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Chapp, Baack, Harman, Johnson, Limback, Placke, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Schmieding.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Kelley Limback