

January 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center. Members present: Randy Chapp, Kelley Limback, Lacey Koch, and Jim Placke. Others in attendance: Public Properties Director Bob Core and Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode.

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.

There were not enough members present for a quorum. Since nothing could be voted on, the committee held a discussion over the following topics:

Winter Activities Report:

Wrestling - canceled due to low enrollment.

Volleyball - 10 volleyball teams for 6 on 6

Mayors Fun Run - Held on Nov. 1, 2020. 30 kids from ages 6-12 participated in the event.

Summer Activities Report:

Seward Dowding Pool - The pool heater was installed and will be finished in the spring. New umbrellas have been ordered.

Blue Valley - Ash trees being taken out.

Seward Community Golf Course - Golfers who have Golf Passports are only charged the cost of golf carts to play (\$12). Should the price be raised to at least \$20, or should we cancel the passport? For comparison, the Beatrice course charges \$30 for the cart. We allow passport holders to play on the weekend. Other courses do not allow weekend play with the passports. Fundraisers on Saturdays are interfering with golfers who have passes. Can the time for reservations/fundraisers start at 2pm or later so golfing is open in the morning? Is there a possible marshal on Saturdays? Could there be more staffing to relieve the workload?

The course beer cart went over well. There is a new program to go online to make tee times and prepay. That will cut back on phone work. Grass was killed off however, it was mowed and it is seeded again. PGA advisor said that it would take a couple of years to achieve the tall fescue. The area between hole 8 & 9 looks nice, but the weeds grow tall. The fountain should help. People like the weeds to keep balls from going in. Placke said the rock area cost too much to install to let the weeds grow.

Chapp asked what the protocol is for renting the Cattle Training building. Bode said the times were adjusted to allow for sanitizing. Due to NSAA regulations, masks are encouraged but not required for players. Coaches will still wear masks. COVID waivers will be signed to omit liability. Chapp asked who will be there. Core said anyone in the Seward school districts can be in there. We cannot rent to out of town teams and players that are not a part of the district. They are not allowed to practice. We tend to follow the school and their regulations (for example - snow days).

At 6 p.m. Randy Chapp ended the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelley Limback