

July 12th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center. Members present: Randy Chapp, Brett Wobken, Jon Burhoop, Andrea Baack, Lacey Koch, and Jim Placke. Others in attendance: Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode and Bob Core. Absent: Kelly Limback and Justin Hartman.

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.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Baack, seconded by Placke that the minutes of April 5th, 2021 meeting be approved.

Aye: Chapp, Baack, Koch, Burhoop, Placke, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman, Limback

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Baack to nominate Randy Chapp as President, seconded by Placke. No other nominees were noted. Motioned by Chapp to nominate Andrea Baack as Vice President, seconded by Burhop. No other nominees were noted. Motioned by Chapp to nominate Kelly Limback as Secretary, seconded by Placke. No other nominees were noted. All were approved and carried.

Aye: Chapp, Baack, Koch, Burhoop, Placke, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman, Limback

3. CONCUSSION DISCUSSION FOR TACKLE FOOTBALL

Noted that concussion guidelines are followed and are set by the CDC. Kids that are concussed do need to inform their coaches IF the coaches are unaware. Parents also must let coaches know. All online training and links are provided to coaches and are adhered. If in doubt kids will sit out.

4. BALL FIELDS UPDATES AT THE 4 PLEX

Bob Core gave an update noting that the infields have been conditioned and were all done.

Baack asked about why the fields are so hard and if there was something more that could be done – based on what is able to be done with the ball fields they are doing everything they can to ensure safe and playable fields.

5. USE OF RESTROOMS AT THE 4 PLEX

The restrooms are open 24/7 from the time they are open to the time the water is shut off in the fall. They are never locked.

The port-a-pot was moved before the 4th to avoid vandalism but will be moved back for fall soccer leagues and Cattle facility use.

6. 4TH OF JULY SUMMARY

Noted by the board to both Bode and Core that their teams did a fabulous job again of making the parks and city look great!

There was an incident where some kids blew up a trash can at the 4 plex but was called in by an off-duty police officer for seeing smoke.

Reportedly the numbers were down, and the vendors were down but overall, it went well!

7. SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY REPORT by Bode

Baseball/Softball – Numbers were about the same as last year.

T-ball – 8 teams with 92 participants.

Tackle football – there are 59 participants signed and practices begin in August, approximately 59 kids signed up for 5th and 6th graders.

Flag football begins this week for 3rd and 4th graders.

Tournaments – 10 completed tournaments noted for 2021.

Pool – season going well. The pool will close on August 8th and will end the season with the doggy dip.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES REPORT by Core

Mulching playground equipment and inspecting equipment completed.

Getting the irrigation up and running.

Replacing bad sections of sidewalks at the parks.

Mowing, fertilizing, and aerating the ball fields and parks.

GOLF COURSE REPORT by Core and Bode

Working on drainage with issues on holes 9 and 4.

Mowing and fertilizing.

Leagues and Tournaments.

Pond fountain installed on hole 4.

Placke raised concerns on no more range balls available. Placke was told by city officials that this would not be an issue any longer last year; however it continues to surface. Placke recommended that there be a cadence on when the range balls are picked up and not mowed over prior to being picked. Core and Bode said they would continue to look into it and mentioned that more balls were ordered.

CEMETARY REPORT by Core

Trimming trees.

Spraying weeds and mowing.

Filling in sunken graves.

Black topping road at North Cemetery.

8. DISCUSS ALCOHOL AT GOLF COURSE

Bode and Core asked the Board for support to go to the city council to get something written to help control the abuse of bringing in outside alcohol.

The board supported the desire to be able to provide support that if anyone on the golf course was caught with alcohol that was brought in from the outside they would be removed from the course for the day. This rule would be held for tournaments, league play or any regular play. The board also recommended signage is needed to support this rule. It is unlawful to bring in outside alcohol and places the city in huge liability consequences along with the ability that if caught they could lose their liquor license completely. All board members supported the idea that city council make written notice and allow the golf course management to kick off anyone that brings in alcohol from outside.

At 6:29 p.m., motion made by Placke, seconded by Wobken to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Chapp, Baack, Koch, Burhoop, Placke, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Hartman, Limback

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 and should be held at the Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Baack