

April 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, April 4th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Kelley Limback, Lacey Koch, John Burhoop, Andrea Baack and Jim Placke. Others in attendance: City Council Ellen Beck, Public Properties Director Bob Core and Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode. Absent: Brett Wobken

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.

ROLL CALL: Chapp, Placke, Baack, Koch, Burhoop, Limback

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAW

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested.)

a. Minutes

Motion by Andrea Baack, seconded by Burhoop that the January 3, 2022 minutes be approved.

Aye: Placke, Koch, Limback, Chapp, Burhoop, Baack.

Nay: None

2. Election of officers.

Baack nominated Kelley Limback for one year as secretary.

Motion by Limback, seconded by Burhoop to accept.

Aye: Placke, Koch, Limback, Chapp, Burhoop, Baack.

Nay: None

3. Update on pond re-stocking.

No inventory to sell yet - Aug/Sept before any is available. Checking with a few more places to see if there are any suppliers with inventory.

4. Trail Update.

Core projected start 2025 but it could be later. They are working through details - designs and clearing through the State. Chapp questioned new sign posts for the story walk. Core stated the

signs are through the library. The City does the grounds work and the library changes out the materials. Core noted someone stole one of the baskets (concrete and everything). This was about \$400 of materials. This was hole 6 and it has been replaced.

5. Condition of softball/baseball fields and golf course due to dry winter.

Core gave an update on the ballfields. He stated the west and Legion field had the fire dept come out and water due to use from CUNE and SHS. It was too cold to start sprinklers. Thousands of gallons of water were used and it was training for firefighters. The fields are looking better but showing a lot of wear. Core also noted the Golf Course is greening up. Some areas will be overseeded. It is \$5/lb for grass seed. The greens have been hand-watered. Last fall the cart paths were seeded. Skunks were digging for grubs on some of the fields. The fields were sprayed.

Placke stated he hosted the boys golf conference (once every 10 years). They charged about \$20/practice round for high school. They are at \$25 currently. He questioned who he talks to about that price. Baack and Burhoop discussed courtesy and to match other schools. Bode stated it is not a set fee; no need to vote; High School practice round will be \$20 for conference.

6. Donna Eiting and Louise Warnsholz from Seward County Special Olympics on use of Cattle Bank building for Bocce ball.

Donna and Louise are asking permission to set up portable bocci courts at the Cattle Bank building. Set up and take down would be once a week June- July for 3 hours. She informed that there would be 15-20 athletes that play, 60ft x 12ft courts that would be set up, 50lb boxes would be rolled in, and there will be wheelchairs on the turf. They are flexible with dates for bocci. They would like one night a week. It will normally be from 6-8:15pm.

Bode advised if there is a schedule posted there should be a minimal scheduling conflict. Core advised he had no concerns with wheelchairs. Chapp said that a motion isn't needed; all agreed. Core advised Donna and Louise to call/email Bode to set up the dates for June and July.

7. Mercy City Church party in the park.

Kelsi Lee and Marcalena live in Seward and launched Mercy City a year ago. They would like to launch a Party in the Park. They would have a bounce house, give aways, face painting and dinner. There would be no obligation to attend their church. It will be a free event offered to the community. The event would take place Monday, June 5th from 4-6pm at Plum Creek. They would set up at 2:30pm and have insurance for the bounce houses. They're expecting 300-400 people (based on Trunk or Treat attendance in the fall).

Bode advised Plum Creek Park could host event. They would need to use Plum Creek with that size of group. There is softball going on that weekend but that shouldn't be an issue. Extra trash cans will be set out and traffic assistance if needed. No need to vote for this. Chapp questioned if there needs to be a permit. Baack advised there could be games shifted to East/West fields. Also, to be aware of traffic flow and overlap with softball. Bode commented that the fields have lights. He is aware of the potential traffic flow and will check the softball schedule the week before.

Youth Sports Spring/Summer

Bode gave updates. He stated they are focusing on Pre-K/Kindergarten with Concordia involvement to help increase interest. Baack questioned if there will be any price increase on pool membership. Bode advised that the City doesn't make money from the pool. Core stated as soon as money is made it's gone due to leaks from the pool.

Public Properties Activities Report

At 6:15 pm, motion made by Placke, seconded by Koch to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Placke, Kock, Limback, Chapp, Burhoop, Baack.

Nay: None

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 and should be held at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelley Limback