

NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA
PARK & RECREATION BOARD

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Brett Wobken, Jim Placke, Ken Schmieding, and Kelley Limback, Jon Burhoop, Abby Baack. Others in attendance: City Council Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode, Bob Core and council member Tatum Tonniges. Absent: Lacey Koch and city council member Matt Stryson.

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 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.

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

Motion by Wobken , seconded by Placke that the minutes of the October 3rd, 2022 meeting be approved.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

Motion by Wobken, seconded by Baack to add golf rates to agenda.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

2. Election of officers

Randy Chapp nominated as president by Schmieding, seconded by Placke.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

Andrea Baack nominated as Vice President by Randy Chapp and seconded by Placke.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

Kelley Limback nominated for Secretary by Randy Chapp, seconded by Ken Schmieding.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

Notes: One opening on the board - Mayor is working to fill it.

Randy Chapp, Lacey Koch, and Jon Burhoop terms are up - may stay unless otherwise wanted

3. Fall/Winter Activities Report

Women's volleyball is the only program currently running. Registration for spring youth sports is going out. Golf course is being maintained.

Basketball 168 active; support of high school coaches was helpful. Soccer average 200 (April kickoff). Baseball depends on coaches 20% participation. Registration cut-off is 2 weeks before start to secure coaches. Bode advised they are working up something to offset costs of maintenance (bathrooms, electricity) Requests for league. May need to move beyond first-come first-serve bases due to increased use. Baseball Facilities prices increased to get ahead of maintenance costs.

Baack questioned the need to increase based on usage. We would like to continue to offer quality facilities. Bode advised there is a 5-year plan. There should be a baseball addition with the Wellness Center.

Baack questioned High School usage and agreements. Bode advised it is on the plan to see what the High School will need to pay once the City doesn't need the gym space when the Wellness Center opens. The High School fields are prepared by the City for free. Baseball and softball associations are charged - not the High School. Once the Wellness Center is in place, it will be a negotiation time for fees for the High School usage.

Baack questioned 2 and 4-plex bathrooms ADA compliant. Bode tabled when supplies were expensive. This board can start the conversation. We need to care for our residents but we also have many visitors. Chapp advised Bode to put the 2-plex on the April Agenda.

Wobken questioned updating the website. Bode advised new website is coming and waiting to see how it functions. Looking at a possible separate page for Seward Rec. Bode advised it will be a 6 week program this year and next. They are working through feedback from surveys to improve next year.

4. Campground fee discussion and resolution to send to City Council

Bode advised Officer Hammond brought up fees and the people who want to stay long-term because they can't afford other places. Our amenities:20/30 amp and dump, Current fees: \$15/camper \$10/Seniors \$7/ tents, Update to \$25/ camper \$15/seniors \$10/tent, Current Stay limit 14 days (48 hours out before returning), Update to Stay limit 7 days special permit for extended stays, Registration paperwork coming. Chapp advised none of our holidays/events last longer than 7 days.

Motion moved by Baack motion to update fees and stay limits with add-needed permit for longer stays, seconded by Placke.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

5. Golf Course Rate Increase to City Council

Bode stated rates haven't been raised since 2017. Increase by 5% pretax. Best comparisons are DC and Steeple View. Bode questioned rounding up the fees once the tax increase.

Motion moved by Baack to recommend to City Council the increase golf course fees by 5% and the \$1 and \$2 green and cart fees, seconded by Burhoop.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

At 6:25 p.m., the motion was made by Baack, seconded by Placke to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Chapp, Wobken, Placke, Schmieding, Limback, Burhoop and Baack.

Nay: None

Absent: Koch

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023, and should be held at 5:30 PM at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Limback