

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, April 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Brett Wobken, Jim Placke, Ken Schmieding, Kelley Limback, Jon Burhoop, Molly Bargmann, Lacey Koch, and Andrea Baack. Others in attendance: Bob Core Public Properties Director, Cody Herald Golf Shop Manager and council member Tatum Tonniges. Absent: Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode and 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.

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

a. Motion by Baack, seconded by Placke that the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting be approved.

Aye: Wobken, Burhoop, Koch, Chapp, Limback, Bargmann, and Schmieding

Nay: None

Absent: None

2. Lloyd Lipska – Lending Library placement discussion.

Lloyd Lipska informed everyone that six libraries have been built. Three are ready to be placed at the Parade of Flags, Nebraska National Guard Museum and St. John's Lutheran Church. They would like to get an approval for Wade Creek, Plum Creek and Cottonwood Park for placement. The libraries are placed in mulched areas, so that the location doesn't interfere with mowing and trimming. Chapp questioned having an alternate location such as Karol Kay Park. Bargmann questioned if there will be a map showing where these libraries will be located. Baack questioned if they need to vote on anything.

3. Spring Sports Update

Core went over Adam Bode's written report.

#### Adult Women's Volleyball

Another co-ed sand volleyball league is planned for spring.

#### Golf

Leagues start in May. Hole One of the cart path needs to be finished. The course will have one continuous path when it's complete.

Placke noted that the Big Red Golf Tours Book is a (one-time) round of golf (free) plus \$15 for the golf cart (which has to be paid). Placke mentioned not having this available on the weekends. A Seward community member won't be able to use the course paying the \$40 green fee. Over 300 were used last year. Herald pointed out it brings people to our course. They stay and have a drink. Core stated a \$6,000 profit was made on the carts not counting drinks or merchandise purchases. Placke stated it may show the golf course made a \$6,000 profit, but how much was lost by not paying the regular green fees. Burhoop informed other golf courses keep them off the weekend tee times. Baack advised to compare it to other golf courses and then decide what to do. Chapp advised to put it on the agenda this summer. Core advised there is no kitchen being run because the City owns the liquor license. The kitchen is open for rental and is inspected regularly.

#### Public Properties

There are irrigation problems, fields are ready and campgrounds are open. Moffit Park had a swing set, light pole, and part of a tree taken out by a vehicle at night. They are waiting for materials to come in. Caution signs are up until things are repaired. Plum Creek 4-plex bathrooms are closed until repairs are done due to breaks in the line. Bathrooms will be open for Easter weekend. The pickleball/tennis courts are up. There is a new volleyball net on the way. Koch questioned where we are at with the softball fence. Baack advised there are no updates on costs and answers to questions.

#### 4. City Parks Update

They are taking out trees (mostly pine-wilt). They will plant in the fall with varieties to avoid a major loss of trees. There are plans for 2-plex baseball field improvements. Core advised there is a contractor planning to come out to look at bathrooms and concessions. They are looking at costs for new buildings or extending existing buildings. They are also considering putting in a new campground by Waverly Road however there are floodplain issues to work out first. It will have electricity but no dump station. There are existing structures/bathrooms for shelter in severe weather. There will be fire pits.

At 6:13 p.m., the motion was made by Koch, seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Wobken, Baack, Placke, Burhoop, Chapp, Limback, and Bargmann

Nay: None

Absent: None

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023, and should be held at 5:30 PM at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Limback