

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, July 10, 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, Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode, Wellness Center Executive Director Joel Brase, and Council member Matt Stryson. Absent: Council member Tatum Tonniges.

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.)

Motion by Baack, seconded by Placke that the minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting be approved.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

2. 4th of July Update - no injuries or problems. Fireworks went on despite the rain.

3. Trail Update - Matt Stryson

Railroad closings are the hang-up.

4. Fitness Center Update - Joel Brase

Toured other facilities. A good plan is in place. Action starts in September. 18 months from when groundbreaking. Must be completed by June 2025.

5. Discuss Dog Issues/Policy at Plum Creek Park

Unleashed dogs have been presented as a problem. There was a dog bite at Plum Creek Park. Signs are posted around town - there is a grey area for "well-behaved" dogs. No action is to be taken by the board.

6. Update on Fish Stocking at Seward Landing Pond

Fish have been added. The next batch will be in the fall. Lots of community use. No dead fish floating. Using wells to keep water levels higher.

7. Discuss Updates and Maintenance at Plum Creek Park

\$217,000 and \$196, 000: The two quotes for remodeling bathrooms and concession stands. Need to add a handicapped stall. Need to wait for the City Council vote - would be started in the first week of October.

Concordia has some field lights they cannot use. In discussions to purchase lights and light additional fields.

There are also discussions of spending money for turfing two fields. Camping pads are still in the works for Waverly Road.

8. Discuss Softball Field - Distance at Plum Creek Park

Shawn Carr had a proposal but had no money. He would like the fence to be moved in 200 feet. Concordia would be fine with that. It would become designated for women's softball. The current structure wouldn't allow for an easy gate to access the field. There is currently a portable fence at 200 feet.

Motion made by Randy Chapp to get an estimate for the cost of moving the existing fence to 200 feet. Seconded by Andrea Baack.

Aye: Wobken, Burhoop, Koch, Chapp, Limback, Bargmann, Schmieding, Placke and Baack.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.

9. Golf Passbooks - Placke: no discount golf is needed in Seward, especially on the weekend. The people of the community need access to the course. Burhoop added that this would not be unique to Seward - many communities state that the book cannot be used on books. 207 used a passport book out of 7500 golfers. 3% of golfers are using the passport. The Golf Passport and swimming pool membership to the October 2 meeting agenda.

9. Recreation Fee Discussion

Adam Bode presented the Revenue Expense Report. The required elements to be in the Blue River league leave the city operating at a loss. What is the appropriate price point to cover costs without excluding people based on cost? There are sponsorships available for people who request it. The city won't turn any child away based on needs. There will be a vote at the October meeting. They will start thinking of an appropriate number.

At 6:45 p.m., the motion was made by Baack, seconded by Placke to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Wobken, Burhoop, Koch, Chapp, Limback, Bargmann, Schmieding, Placke and Baack.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023, and should be held at 5:30 PM at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Limback