

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, October 23rd, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street. Members present: Randy Chapp, Brett Wobken, Jim Placke, Ken Schmieding, Jon Burhoop, Molly Bargmann, and Lacey Koch. Others in attendance: Bob Core Public Properties Director, Assistant Recreation Director Adam Bode, council member Tatum Tonniges, and council member Matt Stryson. Absent: Tasha Osten

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 Schmieding, seconded by Placke that the minutes of the January 10th, 2023 meeting be approved.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

2. Election of Officers for 2023-2024

2023-2024 Election of officers – President, Vice-President, and secretary.

a. Motion by Schmieding to elect Randy Chapp as president, seconded by Wobken

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

a. Motion by Bargmann to elect Lacey Koch as vice - president, seconded by Placke

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

a. Motion by Koch to elect Molly Bargmann as secretary, seconded by Placke

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

a. Motion by Schmieding to close nominations, seconded by Placke

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

3. 2024 rate increase for recreational programming to be taken to council

Assistant Parks Director Adam Bode submitted a cost analysis sheet of the break even point for recreational programming. The sheet contained the price increase to recreational programming to keep revenue and expenses equal. Randy Chapp asked what other surrounding towns were doing. Bode explained it is hard to have exact comparisons because of we don't exactly know what all is covered for the fee. The fees have not been increased since 2016 and all expenses have increased with no increase on the revenue side. Placke supports Bode's comments and price increases. Bargmann suggested reversible uniforms to keep costs down. Bode explained that even with the price increases, Seward's fees would be in the low end of the pricing spectrum and the city has a scholarship program for kids in need.

a. Motion by Chapp to accept rate increase to be approved by council, seconded by Koch

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

#### 4. Centennial Park Restroom

Public Properties Director Bob Core stated that the septic tank has a crack and water is seeping in from the river causing the city to pump the tank more than previously budgeted for. The options would be to either spend the money to fix the septic tank or remove the bathroom. Chapp believes there should be a porta potty if bathroom is removed. Core said they could put the porta potty in a more visible location to reduce the risk of vandalism.

a. Motion by Chapp to remove the bathroom and use party potty, seconded by Placke

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

At 6:08 p.m., the motion was made by Koch, seconded by Wobken to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Osten

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8th, 2024, and should be held at 5:30 PM at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Koch