

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

The rescheduled meeting for the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at 5:30pm at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, Nebraska. Members present: Tasha Osten, Kenneth Schmieding, Jim Placke, Molly Bargmann, Brett Wobken. Absent: Randy Chapp, Jon Burhoop, Lacey Koch.

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 Molly Bargmann.

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

a. Minutes - APPROVED

Motion- Wobken, seconded by Placke.

Aye: Osten, Schmieding, Placke, Bargmann, Wobken

Nay: None

Absent: Chapp, Burhoop, Koch

2. Plum Creek Sports and Turf Campaign discussion – Chair Committee Member Brock Anderson as speaker.

Anderson informed the committee is working on making improvements to ballfields.

Legion- Turf infield and bullpens, temporary fence.

West Field- Main HS Field/Concordia- Turf infield and finish bullpen area.

New Warning Track, Portable Mound, and numerous other improvements.

Vice-Chair Koch arrived at 5:52pm and took over as chairwoman.

Quotes from four turf companies currently, but still finalizing a scope of work- target \$1,000,000 for both fields. Potential grant funding available. (Discussion between Placke/Joel/Brock about potential grants- City would sponsor the project and would apply for the grants). Discussion about other similar sized towns that have turf. Discussion about brick fundraiser and a veteran's memorial fundraiser. Joel stated that Concordia is supportive, and Brock will be presenting to the School Board in February. Koch asked questions about turf life and maintenance requirements.

3. Approval to send to council naming rights of Memorial field.

Looking at name change of the field- if someone is willing to fund the project. Committee has spoken to VFW and Legion, to discuss the project and explained the name change/asked for permission to rename from Memorial Field.

Discussion about a tiered system (pricing) for naming rights.

Motion- Placke, Second- Wobken

Aye: Osten, Schmieding, Placke, Bargmann, Wobken, Koch

Nay: None

Absent: Chapp, Burhoop

4. Golf course green fee and cart fee increase discussion to go to council for approval.

Discussion: No concerns, restaurant looking to open March 1. Board reviewed handout (Rates Comparison Sheet 2023) included comparisons from York, David City, Steeple View, Friend, Lincoln City, Thornridge, and College Heights.

Motion- Placke, Second- Osten

Aye: Osten, Schmieding, Placke, Bargmann, Wobken, Koch

Nay: None

Absent: Chapp, Burhoop

Other items:

Bob- Activities report has been provided and brief overview of highlights- particularly high numbers for basketball and women's volleyball. Brief discussion about tree removal at the Golf Course.

Joel- Construction update on Wellness Center. Were ahead, snow caused a little delay but still on schedule. Meet every two weeks with Sampson and Architects to review plans and any changes. Discussions about staffing/summer programs.

At 6:28 the motion was made by Koch, seconded by Osten to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: Osten, Schmieding, Placke, Bargmann, Wobken, Koch

Nay: None

Absent: Chapp, Burhoop

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1st, and should be held at 5:30 PM at Municipal Building, 142 N 7th Street.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Bargmann