

**Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes of
March 14, 2022**

Call to Order: Mr. Kara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held with open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: Commissioners in attendance: Mr. Kara, Ms. Grabczak and Mr. Such: Also present: Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes, and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster. Council Representative Mr. Huddlestun, School Board Representative Mrs. Hillan. Absent: Commissioner Mrs. Galka

Election of 2022 Officers: There was a nomination by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to retain Maria Galka as plan commission representative. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Hillman sunshade was added to the agenda. Motion by Ms. Grabczak, seconded by Mr. Such to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to accept the minutes as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Register of Claims: Mrs. Goodpaster explained the \$5,174.58 invoice for The Janitor's Supply. She stated that an I-Mop XL plus was purchased for the Community Center. It has the maneuverability of mop with the cleaning performance of scrubber. It is fast and gets the floor clean within minutes. Included were supplies that were ordered for the hall. Mrs. Goodpaster also explained invoice for Rigg's Outdoor Power Equipment for the amount of \$3,731.41. She stated that the guys bought a new engine for one of the lawn mowers. Motion by Mr. Such, second by Ms. Grabczak to accept the register of claims. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mrs. Goodpaster stated that Sandy O'Brien provided a slide show in regards to some of the natural areas at Fred Rose Park; she will post it on One Drive for the new Park Board members to view or anyone interested.

Director Report: Mrs. Goodpaster reported that we started the hiring process for 2022, she gave a break down on the hiring: grass crew, garbage clean-up, concession stand, pool gate, life guards, arts in the park, watering and landscaping. We are getting ready for the season.

Mrs. Goodpaster announced the spring break camp; that will take place Monday 21st - Friday 25th from 11am-1pm at the Community Center. We have all days pre-registered and the all five days are full.

Mrs. Goodpaster also announced the new programming for cardio drumming; it has been a good turnout. Around 60 people showed up to the class the first day, but we can only house 30. We started a pr-register list as well and it is also full. We may have to extend cardio drumming at the gym since we have more space available. There was a small discussion on parks taking over the gyms at the PCC building. The goal is to open Monday-Friday from 4pm-10pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-10pm. We are looking to offer more programming to the community and weekend birthdays parties and sporting events. Mrs. Goodpaster stated that

possibilities are endless on what we will do with the gyms, but she is very excited to take over and offer affordable programs to the community. This is something that just came to her, so once she has the opportunity to sit down and get a plan together, she will present it to the board with all the details.

Mrs. Goodpaster mentioned that Lakota has all of our information for the master plan and they are planning on coming to our park board meeting in May to give us a presentation.

Mrs. Goodpaster also mentioned that we made some changes to the pool schedule. We decided to open Monday June 6th- Sunday August 14th. Open all 7 days a week from 11am-6pm. Free adult swim 10am-11am. We are doing after pool parties Monday-Sunday from 6pm-9pm. She also mentioned that we made a small change to the concession stand menu. We are making it easier and faster to the public and employees. We are still working on figuring out a way to use credit cards at the concession stand and hoping in the near future it can be up and running.

Plan Commission Report: nothing under plan commission report.

Common Council Report: Mr. Huddlestun stated Lakota group came in and gave their presentation to the city for the city's master plan which ties together with the Parks master plan vision of the city. He mentioned that the rezone on 61st and Colorado is an odd topic to the community at the moment. Mr. Huddlestun also mentioned that it's that season for the golf carts, so everyone should register their golf carts. But other than that everything is moving along.

School Board Report: Mrs. Hillan announced graduation has been set for June 5th. Spring activities and sports are all in place. There was huge tournament at Purdue and Cody Johnston placed first in the state. Mrs. Hillan thanked the parks department for having the spring break camp and providing program to kids. This is a way to give kids an opportunity to have somewhere to go and activities to do during their spring break. Mrs. Hillan also added that the swimming programming is resuming at the Hobart Middle High School and the swim club at the aquarium.

There was a small discussion on utilizing Brickie Bowl more and other parks in the near future. Everyone agrees that it brings so much business to the downtown and allows kids to have more options in programming. The goal is to become bigger and being able to offer more to the community.

Old Business: Nothing under Old Business

New Business: Mrs. Goodpaster reported that the small pool is in need for a new pool liner. It has never been replaced since before 2007 and we are having a lot of problems with water going under the liner. She started looking around and getting quotes to get it done for before we open up the pool. She came across RenoSys with a quote of \$32,588.00 dollars. She knows is a lot of money and Mayor is willing to help with a portion. RenoSys is the company we used for lining the big pool and they did an excellent job. They will also do under liner repairs that need to be done and the pool membrane carries a 10 year warranty. Mr. Such will make a call to a friend that does pool work to see if you can come up with another quote for us. Motion by Ms. Grabczak, seconded by Mr. Such to not exceed \$32,588.00 for the pool liner. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

The bids for the CBDG for the park improvements are due back, and a special meeting was set for Monday 28, 2022 at 6pm to award the bids. Once Mrs. Goodpaster gets the bids, she will put all the information in One Drive for review.

Mrs. Goodpaster mentioned that our summer softball league is approaching. She had a meeting with the team captains and they expressed their concerns for Hillman. However, they came to an agreement in tackling things one at a time since Hillman needs a lot of upgrades. The number one on the list was a sun shade for the south field and two members from two different teams are willing to do a fundraiser to help out with the cost of the sun shade. Mrs. Goodpaster was happy that the parks and softball teams were able to get on the same team and work together and get a plan going for the program. The cost for the sun shade is \$5,706.00 dollars. Motion by Mr. Such, second by Ms. Grabczak to accept the purchase of the sun shade out at Hillman Park. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mayor Brien Snedecor announced the community prayer for Ukraine taking place at Festival Park 111 E. Old Ridge March 15, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Mayor Snedecor also announced that he will be awarding teacher and coach, Miss Funkhouser, the “Rachel Rodriguez Memorial Award” for her dedication to the City Of Hobart.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)
