

The January 16, 2020 Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Present: Randy Romens, Stephen Hunt, Vanessa Covington, Mayor Ron Kohn, Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, visitors Lynette Sullivan and Sarah Curry.

Motion by Covington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hunt to approve the agenda, claims and minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Welcomed visitors Lynette Sullivan and Sarah Curry of the soccer club to the meeting. On December 23 a trailer used to store soccer equipment was vandalized at the soccer fields. There were also wooden posts and cable down and vehicle tracks were visible on the fields. Mattox stated that he has suggested putting a gate up in the past. Sullivan and Curry said the soccer club would be willing to split the cost of a gate to help prevent unnecessary traffic. Mattox will get some estimates on gates and concrete barriers before the next meeting. Romens stated that he may have a connection for concrete barriers at a reduced rate. There was also discussion on gravel for the soccer complex. Again, the soccer club is willing to split the cost of this. The gate and gravel will be action items for the February meeting. There was also some discussion regarding security cameras. If there are cameras at the pool already, it would be beneficial to have one facing the entrance to the complex.

Curry asked about the possibility of a time change for Park Board meetings so that people who work could attend. She also asked about Park Board minutes being published.

There was not a representative from the rugby association at the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding their use of the field for practice and games. Motion by Covington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hunt to charge \$7.50 per rugby player for use of the field. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

There was also some discussion about how much the school uses the city field for band practice and sports practice. Mayor Kohn said that could be discussed at the upcoming Super Board meeting.

Another lengthy discussion took place regarding the use of the park for parking by Creative Entertainment – Shaun Rosen. Rosen was not in attendance. Covington stated she was against allowing them use of the park for many reasons. She stated this was not the intended use of a city park and it would create too many problems. Romens stated it is good for the city to have new businesses in town and we should look at how to help them. Hunt said he thinks allowing them use of the park could actually be beneficial, but we need to write up a detailed contract of what Creative Entertainment would be responsible for. Contract details discussed were: gravel the amphitheater lot, fence off the cross country finish line area, provide temporary lighting, provide security personnel, gravel 3' on each side of the amphitheater road, trash removal. Other things included in the contract would be the hours of operation and the "right of refusal" if non-compliant. Hunt and Romens feel like this contract would put the responsibility on the business owners. It was also suggested that someone contact the City of Elkhorn to ask them how things are handled with Creative Entertainment's use of their park facilities. No formal action was taken at this time.

Committee Reports: none

Superintendent Report: Mattox stated that they are still using extension cords to provide power as they continue to work on the new building. They are making good progress and are about ready to begin work on the loft. He has been in contact with Greg Bowden regarding the electricity. He is looking at

getting rock for the driveway at the new building. Hunt stated the museum would also pay to have rock put down. Mattox stated he would bring his "wish list" to the next meeting.

Motion by Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Covington to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meeting adjourned.

Vanessa Covington  
Vanessa Covington, Secretary

Randy Romens  
Randy Romens, Chairperson