

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, June 14, 2024

**Members present:** Dorothy Dybvig, Dave Barsness, John Gaede, Tony Vavricka, Karry White, Council Liaison Val Palmer

**Members absent:** Todd Sandell, Elsie Laursen

**Staff Present:** Administrator Kathy George

**Other:** None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m. by Chair Dybvig.

**Approve Agenda**

**Motion Barsness, second White to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

**Motion White, second Gaede, to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2024 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.**

**New Business** - None

**Continuing Business/Updates**

**Annual Events**

- Arts in the Park – Tuesdays in June
  - Everyone’s Table will provide FREE food for all on June 19<sup>th</sup>
  
- Quarry Days – August 9-10
  - Commissioner White agreed to host a booth on Saturday to promote the City Parks; perhaps the Sandstone Festival Committee can share the booth
  - Commissioner Barsness will help as well
  - A schedule will be provided at the July meeting
  
- Mary Thorvig Memorial Tree Garden “planting” ceremony – August 11
  - Picnic lunch provided – the Am Legion Auxiliary will prepare/serve
  - Mary Thorvig should be honored
  - Perhaps live music?
  - Commissioner White will help with this event
  - The trail through the garden is not easily accessible for elderly people and people with disabilities. Options will be considered and brought back to the Commission for review and discussion.
  - Signage is being explored.
  
- Robinson Quarry Park Clean Up – typically September or October
  - Commissioner Barsness will coordinate
  - Perhaps Rapids Riders can be invited to help, as well as the Climbers

- Oktoberfest – October 5th
  - the Chmielewski Funtime Band has been booked
- Quarry City Christmas – November 30

## Various Updates

### Robinson Quarry Park

Camping Data – There were 29 registrations for 42 days of camping in May.

### Legacy Grant Projects

#### Phase 1 & 1(a) Project

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The cost for the additional pavilion pieces is \$14,277, which includes shipping, an additional 12 rafters and brackets. A 4-week lead time is expected. Upon delivery, LHB will unbox items to verify everything is complete. Trusses need to be drilled onsite and some cutting may be needed. It would be helpful to close the loop road during this time so that all the pieces/parts can be laid out and organized as the contractor puts things together. The contractor will supply a color chart for the metal roof.

The edges of the boat ramp need to be filled in. The contractor plans to use common embankment material (mainly sand) and cap the top 6” with gravel. Commissioner Vavricka asked if the area in front of the boat ramp could be posted or the curb could be painted for “no parking”. This request will be relayed to the engineer and contractor.

Some plants and trees did not make it over the winter. Fine grading is needed by the vault toilet and the picnic shelter/plaza area. Paving the road and walking trail will be done in one day; traditional bituminous mix will be used (most durable).

If funds remain in the budget, perhaps the small pavilion can be replaced.

#### Phase 2 Project

- Additional survey data is needed within the Kettle River to ensure accurate design of the public access areas.
- The location of the stone wall with the stacked stones on either side of the road leading to the northern portage are being discussed (they are both very close to the road, leaving no room to accommodate a proper road).
- The stage location at the climbing wall needs to be firmed up.
- More survey work is needed for the new campsite area, too.
- Weekly planning meetings will begin June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and continue every Tuesday. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.

### Phase 3 Project

With so much going on right now, George will wait until next year to apply for funds for the camper cabin project. Pine Tech is interested in building the cabins.

### Angle Park

A quote was received from Century Fence for the fencing needed for the dog park. The area to be fenced is generally the entire area where the hockey rink was. There will be a smaller area for small dogs and a larger area for large dogs, with a sally port type entrance. The quote is for \$22,185.00. The KREEC fund has a balance of \$26,017.31. **Motion White, second Barsness, to recommend the City Council approve the quote from Century Fence, using the KREEC funds to cover the cost. Motion carried 5-0.**

### Panther Park

- The toddler playground feature has been installed.
- The bike repair station and 2 bike racks have been ordered with proceeds from the Gaede Family Lemonade Stand. These will be installed soon.
- The 4 benches donated by Bill & Becky Gaede have been received, they will be installed soon.
- The 1 bench ordered for the Jamison family has now been received (a plaque is needed). This bench will also be installed soon.
- These new additions will be celebrated during Quarry Days.
- Commission Members discussed what's next for Panther Park:
  - An updated quote was received for the 3-rail ornamental fence along the three street sides of the park for \$33,230.00. The City receives a lot of comments with concerns about kids running out in the street (especially by the basketball court); and some specific donations have been received for fencing (\$3,448).
  - The RockScape Climber is \$56,470 (including installation).
  - Commissioner White shared some potential additions as an alternative to the RockScape Climber; such as, spinning and climbing items, teeter-totters, and a merry-go-round.
  - It was decided to hold the next meeting at Panther Park to discuss priorities and next steps.

### Other

Commissioners were provided Three Point Park Check inspection forms and asked to “adopt” a park and conduct monthly inspections.

### Adjourn

**Motion White, second Vavricka to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy George, City Administrator