

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bridget Larson at 6:48 a.m.

**Members Present:** Jeremy Horkey, Bridget Larson, Beth Rohrich, Joan Back, and Tim Auringer.

**Staff Present:** Administrator Bromeland, Mandy Auringer, and Brian Goettl

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's report was presented.

**Business**

1. Community Member Memorial Request

- Kathy Brozik would like to plant a tree as a memorial for Mara Hoffner. It was discussed that permission from the Hoffner family would be needed and if a tree is what the family would want and that Mrs. Brozik should be the person to have this discussion. The Park Board agreed that a tree in Lake Eagle Park would be the best location. Public Works Director Brian Goettl stated the estimated tree cost is \$200-\$500.
- Discussion included the desire to establish a master plan for locations of memorials, trees, benches, etc. The possibility of a veteran's memorial and family memorial (non military), with memorial name bricks for a pathway was brought up.

2. Plastic Recycling Drive for Second Trex Bench

- The Lion's Club is 6 pounds away from collecting the 500-pound goal for the first bench.
- The Lion's Club has asked if the Park Board would like to take over the drive for the next 6 months to receive a second bench. It would entail applying for the grant, sorting, weighing, submitting the weight, and taking the plastic to the drop off location.
- Discussion included if the Lion's would like to help, that Park Board volunteers could do the sorting and weighing and the Lions could do the submitting, recording, and drop off. Concern was express at the suggestion that the Public Works building could be used for sorting and weighing
- Brian Goettl stated he would prefer neutral tan-colored benches. The possibility of a small plate/plaque being placed on the bench indicating who ran the drive was also discussed.

3. Fraze Park Updates

- Wood chips were installed at Fraze Park and the edging still needs to be installed. There is a half pallet of edging left from other park projects. Pricing for additional edging is roughly \$70 per four-foot section. Public Works will do this installation.
- Playground equipment in Fraze Park needs to be re-stained, as does the picnic table by the Legion. Discussion included asking the Lion's Club if this would be a community service project they would like to undertake.

- Bridget Larson stated she was approached by a resident with concerns about Frazee Park being the “forgotten” park and that there are a lot of young kids in that section of town. Discussion included the need to save for future playground equipment and the possibility of setting aside funds in the budget each year, specifically for park equipment. Annual fundraisers may need to continue for upgrades to park equipment.
- The volleyball courts are rarely used, and discussion included if they should they be removed and made into a sand play area with sand diggers and other sand equipment or possibly another pickleball court or concrete bean bag toss area.
- The need to look at enlarging the basketball court was discussed.
- Discussion took place about the gaga ball pit at Frazee Park and whether it should be moved to Eagle Heights Park. Since Eagle Heights Park has all new equipment a new gaga ball pit should be constructed instead of moving the one out of Frazee Park.
- The dog watering area in Lake Eagle Park was discussed and the issues with the area around it becoming muddy. There is a concrete slab there along with newly planted grass. The possibility of wood chips around the location was brought up, but there were concerns of it becoming molding.

#### 4. Upcoming Movie Event on September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Volunteer needs will be the same as the last movie event.

#### 5. Other

- Jeremy Horkey stated he is planning to have a sanctioned softball tournament for Tator Days 2022. A sanctioned event would take liability off the City. To be sanctioned, the bases need to be moved. If someone could mark where the bases need to be moved to, Public Works will move them.
- The fencing around the skating rink will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Brian Goettl will get estimates for a six-foot heavy-duty chain-link fence.
- Brian Goettl stated he would like to replace the wood walkways with cement as well as put down a rubber strip on top of the walkway during the skating season.
- The open skate/hockey rink schedules were discussed and the issues that arise between the two. Some things discussed were the possibility of hockey teams paying a rental fee for specific practice times and that the rink should have open skate times since it is a city owned rink and residents should be able to use it.