

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chair Jeremey Horkey, Garrett Steinberg, Beth Rohrich, Joan Back, and Don Wesely.
Absent: Shane Wendland and Ryan Short
Staff Present: Jennifer Bromeland, Andrew Hartman, and Kerry Rausch
Meeting called to order at 6:45 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The treasurer's report was presented.

BUSINESS

1. Request to Allow Sponsorship Banners at Ballfield: Mitch Kleist with MAYBA

- Administrator Bromeland explained that a new agreement with MAYBA was signed and that MAYBA wants to hang banners on the fence and scoreboard, to develop bullpens, and install an irrigation system. The City Council approved allowing banners to be placed and gave the park board discretion as to where to allow the banners to be hung. The City retains the right to use discretion as to the appropriateness of the banners.
- Administrator Bromeland explained that the City's attorney recommended that language about banners and their placement be left out of agreement but have a separate city-wide policy which addresses banners.
- Park Board discussion included the concerns City Council mentioned about location of banners relating to shaded areas of the park and the possible obstruction of view as well as the possibility of obscuring the view to the pond which is a focal point of the park.
- The Park Board discussed that MAYBA could have banners hung from April 1st to September 1st and that they will need to remove the banners removed for the winter months. The Park Board also stated that MAYBA will be responsible for taking down broken and faded banners. The Park Board indicated that MAYBA should have sole rights to hang banners since they maintain this field.
- Administrator Bromeland explained that the City Council approved MAYBA's request to pay for and install an in-ground irrigation system and stated that the City will be responsible for the purchase and installation of a water meter and water. It was noted that it is unknown at this time what the water consumption will be and that the public works will monitor usage.

2. Resident Inquiry about Possibility of Basketball Hoop at Eagle Heights Park

- Administrator Bromeland explained that discussion took place at the April 13th Park Board meeting about an inquiry received from a resident about installing a basketball hoop at Eagle Heights Park. Following that meeting, Public Works Director Andrew Harman assessed the layout of Eagle Heights Park and space available to add a basketball hoop.
- Public Works Director Andrew Hartman explained that due to the utility easement for the pipeline that runs through Eagle Heights Park, there is space to develop a 16' x 16' basketball area.
- Park Board discussion included that the residents in the area of Eagle Heights Park offered

and understood that if a small basketball court would be developed, that they would be responsible for fundraising and that the City would not cover the costs.

- Park Board and City Council Member Rohrich explained that she has not been involved in spearheading this request, but that she did submit her opinion about this proposed basketball court as a resident.
- Park Board discussion included that they did not feel there was an appropriate enough space to install a basketball hoop and slab and asked staff to contact the person who initiated this request to let them know.

3. Park Shelter Pricing and Next Steps

- Administrator Bromeland stated that Public Works Director Andrew Hartman is taking the lead on this project.
- Public Works Director stated the bids from J.R. Murilla and Schabert were very comparable and that there were no concerns with either bid. It was noted that the bid from J.R. Murilla had a disclaimer that the fees for the building permit were not included and that Schabert's bid included connecting the plumbing.
- The exact review fees from Bolton and Menk for an in-depth review is not available but it is anticipated this review may cost approximately \$5,000 and will be paid for out of parks professional services.
- Park Board discussion included if the addition of the pavilion and ADA bathroom will trigger updates to the existing bathroom facility. City staff will research this.
- Administrator Bromeland stated she will bring to the City Council for consideration the ability of staff to apply for grants and other funding sources to assist with the cost of this project.
- Chair Jeremy Horkey moved, seconded by Don Wesely, to move forward with the bid from J.R. Murilla Construction totaling \$129,200 for the pavilion at Lake Eagle Park. The motion carried.

4. Vandalism at Park-Porta Toilet Damage

- Administrator Bromeland explained that Bruender Construction has informed City staff that the ADA porta toilet at the park next to the rink has been vandalized. The roof on the unit is caved in and will need to be repaired. The cost of the repairs is unknown at this time. In addition to the roof being caved in, Bruender Construction reported that someone is smearing feces on the walls of the inside of the unit and that it has been going on for weeks and not considered part of their normal maintenance on the unit as part of the rental. The City was first notified of these issues on May 8th and the police department is aware of recent activity and has been asked to monitor this area more closely.
- Park Board discussed exploring the possibility of adding security cameras in the park and options available. The Park Board asked if it would be possible to have more of a police presence in the park which could include foot and/or bicycle patrol.

5. 3 on 3 Basketball and Street Hockey – Don Wesley.

- Don Wesely stated he would like to wait until after July 4th to start the 3 on 3 programming and that based on survey results he will hold events one weekday and a couple of evenings a week and that each event will be open to all youth.
- Adult volunteers are needed to supervise events.
- Staff will promote this programming once promotional materials are received.

6. Annual Sunflower Contest

- Administrator Bromeland stated a resident has contacted the city about the sunflower contest

and asked if this is something the Park Board would like to continue. She also explained that community interest seems to be waning on this competition.

- Park Board consensus was to hold the sunflower contest again but stated this will be the last year if there isn't much interest.

7. Pond Maintenance

- Administrator Bromeland stated that Joan Back reached out to Ryan Wersal about pond maintenance relating to the pond in Lake Eagle Park. Park Board consensus was that they would like Public Works Director Andrew Hartman to meet with Ryan Wersal to learn his suggestions for pond maintenance and for Mr. Hartman to bring this information back to the Park Board.

8. Tator Days

- Beth Rohrich explained that JaDee Pals with the Eagle Lake Tator Days committee contacted her and explained that the Eagle Lake queen pageant contestants are required to do a community service project and that this years theme is environmental. Ms. Pals asked if there would be any community impact projects contestants could be involved with. The majority of their work would be between June and August, but their commitment would be one year long and there could be anywhere from two to eight candidates.
- The Park Board brainstormed project ideas. Administrator Bromeland will talk with Ms. Pals regarding this proposal.

9. T-Ball -Jeremy Horkey

- Jeremy Horkey stated that T-ball has 70 kids registered this year and that kids from many of the surrounding communities will be involved in this program. Mr. Horkey thanked the fire department for their generous donation of \$500 which was used to purchase new equipment. He also expressed appreciation for the coaches and sponsors.

Submitted by:
Kerry Rausch