

*Parks & Recreation Advisory
Commission*



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MEETING MINUTES
September 18th, 2019 7:00PM
Korte Recreation Center

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Brooke Lipe
Tom Mifflin
Erin Mignin
Heather Warren
Gary Klaus
- Members absent: John Coziar
Denise Berolatti

APPROVAL OF July 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes as written was made, approved, and carried by all. Minutes will be made official and sent to city for record.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- The Rinderer Park merry go round has a rusted spindle. The company that makes it has been informed, but there has been little action so far.
- A swing set, zip line, disc swing, and plenty of tile have been ordered for the unfinished portion of the playground at Rinderer Park.
- The slide at the Korte Rec Center pool has been shut down. Metal started coming off when annual cleaning/painting took place. It is estimated to cost \$24,000 to fix the stairs and the slide will likely be closed until the end of October.
- An Eagle Scout trail project has begun at Rinderer Park. A sidewalk has been poured and trees will be planted.
- A new grant for Silver Lake will include a fish rearing pond and the fostering of a wetlands area near the first gully on the Silver Lake Trail.
- Korte Rec Center attendance is now up to 2.75 million visits.
- The bike/walking trail on Highway 160 is going out for bid in the fall. It will cost an estimated \$670,000 and the Parks Department will need to come up with about \$400,000.
- About six miles of the asphalt on the existing bike trail is getting fixed.

- The Jaycees paid for concrete to be poured under the benches at the dog park.
- There is a new roof on the pavilion at Silver Lake.
- There will be a new traffic light near the bike trail at the intersection of Highway 40 and Hemlock Street.

OLD BUSINESS

- The naming of pavilions was a topic of discussion and a motion was approved by Brooke Lipe, seconded by Heather Warren, and carried by all to name the pavilions after Jerry Beard, mayor of Highland at the time Silver Lake was constructed, and Roland Harris, Highland historian and great-grandson of the owner of the land Silver Lake was built on.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Hoffman Park slide has been rebuilt, but a new surface is needed underneath the slide. It has been difficult finding a contractor willing to put in the surface as a result of existing safety concerns with the increasingly outdated equipment. A new playground feature would cost an estimated \$40-45,000.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 19th, 7:00pm, Korte Recreation Center

Minutes prepared by Erin Mignin