



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 7:00PM  
Korte Recreation Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL – Denise Berlotti, Garry Klaus, Brooke Lipe, Erin Mignin, Heather Warren

**GUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

- Motion to approve minutes was made and approved. Minutes will be sent to city hall for record.

**REQUESTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- Denise B. asked to add discussion on a Teen Center/Commission to the agenda. All voted in favor to add.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- Director Rosen gave an update on the pond/wetland project and that it was progressing nicely. Other updates included how the KRC is struggling the most with COVID restrictions. The dept. is hosting a haunted hustle fun run and hosting a candy trail on Halloween in Glik Park, using the trail. The dept. will be getting a van next spring/summer for transporting senior and people with disabilities around Highland; there was some damage to the zip-line at Daley Playground due to vandalism; drainage work will be done on the Optimist Field; skate night is getting 25-35 each week; and trout season open this weekend in Old City Lake.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- New Pool Update – On hold but slowly progressing. Narrowed down to three sites and need to reduce the budget by a third. FGM simply made a plan with all of the comments made on the survey. Now it's just a matter of determining what is more important and the affects that a bather load can have on the square footage of the bath house. The plans will include room for expansion based on what is determined to be important and less important.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion – RC track – When asked what an RC Track was, director Rosen stated that this appears to be an up and coming trend for remote control cars/trucks. Prior to the KRC being considered as a place to relocate the pool, the area out front was being considered by Rosen. However, he wants to the commission to consider using an area at Silver Lake Park by the water treatment plant. He explained that it would provide shade, natural terrain and obstacles. The members agree to proceed with this possibility.

- New Playground Discussion at Hoffman Park – The members all agreed that there needs to be an upgrade and recommended to seek out a design that is similar in size.
- Next site(s) for naming rights – The members thought that this was a good idea and recommended to look into some people from Highland’s history that made an impact on the parks; or at least the specific park being considered.
- Teen Center/Commission – Director Rosen said that it seems as though every 10 years or so the comment about how teens need a place to go or things to do. Therefore, Rosen talked with Mr. Houchins at HHS about converting the Senior Drop-In center as a teen center and create a teen commission that had representatives from each class decide what they want to do, rather than adults telling them what they should do. There would be guidelines based on the school’s guidelines, but maybe include some community service hours as a way to reduce fees associated with trips or events. The members all thought that this was a good idea but thought that it might be a few months away from happening because of the uncertainty of COVID.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.