

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Kami Lynch
Joe Garson
John Coziar
Gary Klaus

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022 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.

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

- John Coziar asked what the process was for acquiring donations to teams/organizations. Director Rosen said that a formal letter is requested and the department usually issues some day passes.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Director Rosen updated the commission on the following; the Outdoor Pool will be closed during the Madison County Fair due to the lack of attendance and complaints patrons report with having to pay for parking; particularly during swim lessons prior to the Fair opening. Christmas week brought in over \$12,000 – attendance is up and parties are booked through February – the Madison County PEP Grant will go toward a new play system at Silver Lake Park – Senior Center will be unstaffed starting March 1st and will save almost \$19,000 in wages – Rosen is wrapping up a few missing documents for the MEPRD grant from the Sharpshooters Trail – Cemetery Roads were replaced with concrete – in calendar year 2022, dept. personnel worked a total of 60,886 hours – new software is proceeding – Rent.Fun is a possible kayak kiosk vendor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Hoffman Park playground equipment and surface tile has been delivered with it being installed before May 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

- Director Rosen updated everyone in where the city stands with new pickleball courts. Girl Scouts are planning to be the lead in starting a fundraiser and the Highland Area Community Foundation will be able to accept donations for it. Rosen hopes that if/when we are finally reimbursed from MEPRD for the Sharpshooters Trail, that money (\$110,000) can go toward that even though there are a lot of other projects that have been passed up.
- Thursday Night Live Concert schedule was shared.
- Director Rosen asked for feedback in regards to partnering with the Rotary to have another Spring Clean-up in the parks. Commission members thought that focusing on one or two parks would be better and thought that reaching out to all organizations, i.e. KC's, VFW, Legion, HS sports teams, etc. would be worth a try.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023 7:00pm, Korte Recreation Center