

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held at Timber Creek Park
Meeting: October 16, 2019

Members Present: Matt Tullis, Jeffrey Sogge, Justin Strom, Steve Storjohann, Kim Barnes

Absent: Nick Salasak, Cindy Brodin

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

Tullis motioned to approve the September minutes and was seconded by Sogge. All present voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Coliseum Renovation

Construction documents were approved by the council and are out for bid. Bids are due October 22, to then be approved on the October 28 Council meeting with construction to begin in November. Hubbard guessed the complete date would be December 2020. The project is estimated at \$3.6 million dollars with \$2 million coming from insurance, 300,000 city funds, and \$1.3 million in grants and donations. So far the fundraising committee has raised \$1.1 million in donations and grants.

Aquatics Center

The Family Aquatic Center attendance and revenue reports have been completed and it was a good summer at the pool. The Aquatic Center saw its highest revenue amounts in the last 7 years and admission numbers were comparable to previous years. The increase in revenues is being attributed to increase sales in concessions and this was the first year we allowed credit/debit cards to be accepted at the pool. Revenue and attendance numbers for the past 7 years are:

	Revenue	Attendance
2019	\$115,229	27,742
2018	\$ 94,020	25,726
2017	\$ 98,860	28,658
2016	\$ 96,863	28,073
2015	\$ 76,877	23,647
2014	\$ 86,889	23,718
2013	\$109,489	31,936

Anson Park Project

The contractor, Caliber Concrete, has completed most of the demolition work and started to replace the sidewalks and has laid the concrete around the new play structures. Boland Recreation has installed the new play structures and will be pouring the rubberize play surface in the next week or two. Work has also begun on the new parking stalls off of 4th Avenue. The project is expected to be completed by November 8.

Park Update

The Council approved a \$6.5 million general obligation bond sale which will include \$1,225,000 going towards several park improvement projects including West End Park, Anson Shelter renovation & bathroom project, and replace the Timber Creek Bridge. More to come on those projects as they get underway.

Alcohol Use in the Parks

Hubbard shared that the City is going through a LEAN process regarding its Special Event Use Permit for larger community events held in Marshalltown and possibly in City parks. That discussion between community groups and City staff led to the discussion of allowing events to have alcohol in the park or allowing events to have attendees bring in their own beer during certain events. Discussion occurred about what parks would be acceptable, not acceptable, and what measures would be in place to protect the City from lawsuits. It was decided that the board would be ok with allowing alcohol in Riverview Park and West End Park for larger community events as long as there were acceptable levels of insurance for the event and there were measures in place to control the consumption of the alcohol but adults of age and in designated areas. Hubbard said he would take that back to the LEAN process committee to discuss and determine the ability to make those stipulations work.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm. Next meeting is November 20, 2019 at the Anson Park Shelter.