

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State St

Meeting: February 21, 2024

Members Present: Neil Dalal, Jill Herink, Wynne Brothers Chris Bennett, Dan Engesser

Absent: Cindy Brodin, Steve Storjohann

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

January minutes were review and recommended for approval by Dalal, seconded by Engesser.

Approved by all.

Parks Update

Peterson and Kiwanis Park projects are on hold until spring. The shelter for Peterson has been ordered and should be delivered before spring for installation by the contractor. The playground for Peterson Park is going to be installed in April.

Bolton and Menk is working on the construction documents to build the Water Plaza and put it out to bid in August 2024 with construction to be completed by the end of 2025.

Snyder and Associates is working on the construction documents to build the Linn Creek Trailhead and Bridge. They are on the same timeline as the Water Plaza.

The Master Plan for Riverview Park was reviewed and discussion occurred on what elements of the plan were necessary for the park and which ones maybe didn't make sense financially. The plan called for expanding the lagoon to handle the 100 yr flood event but now the new pond on the south side of the park can handle that event so do we still need to spend the money to expand the lagoon for other recreational activities. There was discussion on the cost and benefits of improving the campground and creating an amphitheater and festival space. The plan is to take these concepts and ideas to the City Council in March for their feedback and input.

Recreation and Aquatics Update

The Coliseum is getting busy again with girls volleyball, youth indoor soccer, adult volleyball and men's basketball. We also have several nights rented out for soccer leagues.

We have sent out packets for returning aquatic and recreation staff for the summer. All summer jobs are posted. We also have a certified lifeguard instructor on staff so plan to teach a few classes before the pool season begins to get more lifeguards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on March 20, 2024 in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.