

Park Board Minutes
January 6, 2020
Park Office – Garden House
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by President Jim Hogan
 - a. Members present: Alix Oreck, Alex Moore, Val Defever, Barb Beurksens, Todd Young, Anita Chappuie, Molly Reynolds, Guest member Marci Gray
 - b. Members not present: Mark Coder, Mardie Long
- II. Approval of minutes for November 4th meeting – A motion was made by Alix, a second was made by Todd, motion carried.
- III. New Business
 - a. Working on 2021 Budget, Review 2020 Budget
 - i. Park Budget
 1. Bandshell Electric (\$10,000) – very few things can be plugged in at the bandshell so this needs updated.
 2. Bridge from Zoo to Carousel Improvements (\$6000) – Lots of boards need replaced.
 3. Kiddy Land ADA Projects (\$150,000) – ADA compliant sidewalks will be put in.
 4. Lone Chief – AC and Windows (\$20,000) – The board needs to be thinking about how much to charge to rent Lone Chief now that it will have AC.
 5. Maintenance Vehicle (\$25,000) – Looking for a reasonably priced truck.
 6. Playground Lighting (\$5000) – The question was posed by Barb if we wanted to keep the existing lighting and just sand blast it and rewire or match the lighting in Veteran’s Freedom Square. During the discussion, Val proposed putting in an LED in the existing light poles to see if it would be bright enough. Alix suggested getting clear globes instead of the opaque ones if it wasn’t bright enough. The board then went outside to look at the existing lights to compare to those in Veteran’s Freedom Square. Upon returning, Alix stated that she liked the existing lights better and all members stated their agreement with her.
 7. Tuck Point Shelter House (\$5000) – This may not need done and if not, the money can be used on other projects.
 8. Upgrade Locomotive (\$8000) – This money will be used to fix the big black train.
 - ii. Zoo Budget
 1. Freezer Pad and Loading Dock (\$10,000) – The zoo got a freezer from Mercy that will be placed behind the Stevens building so it needs a cement pad.
 2. Utility Vehicle (\$15,000)
 3. Zoo Shop Renovation (\$40,000) – The Zoo Shop leaks if it rains so it needs a new roof.
 - iii. For the 2021 budget, lots of items are being considered
 1. Fencing – lots of area that needs replaced

2. Shelter house roof is currently tile and it's too expensive to replace it. Barb found a tin one that looks just like it and has given it to Ken Brown to take to the National Historical Society to get their recommendation.
 3. 4H electrical needs upgraded.
 4. Multiple requests have come in to add lights to the Kiwanis shelters.
 5. Electric meters to each building –It would be helpful to know how much power each building uses.
 6. Let Barb know if you can think of anything that needs done
- b. USDA Report – During an inspection on December 11, 2019 with Karl Thornton, animal care inspector, and Michael Tygart, veterinary medical officer, no non-compliance items were identified. They were impressed with how they handled the cougar incident.
 - c. Zoo Animal Report – We had to put down our oldest male bison due to age and ew lost our baby monkey due to a possible accident. Dr. Ann Dutton is doing an autopsy. The zookeepers know the issues with our monkeys are genetic. Dr. Cooper is placing birth control implants every year on two females. The long term plan is to let these monkeys live out their life and then get a new set of monkeys.
- IV. Old Business –
- a. Tobacco Free Policy – Nothing new to report, as the policy is still at Jeff Chubb's office.
- V. Staff and Committee Reports
- a. Livestock catch pens – It is currently being constructed and should be complete sometime in February. It is looking awesome.
 - b. Playground - The sidewalks are going in and should be done by the end of the week. Barb may apply for a grant for money to buy border and mulch to put around the sidewalks and the airplane that is now back in by the firetruck. The sidewalks look raised but once border and mulch are in, they will look more level. The new swing will be installed on January 17th and 18th, weather permitting.
 - c. Cougar fence – The repair was awarded to Doug Steely and he plans to begin work around January 13th.
 - d. Donkey and Tortoise - Will hopefully be done by the end of February.
 - e. Steven's Building electrical project – Is finally complete after being worked on since 2015. The staff is working on the snake and kinkajou exhibits.
- VI. Other Concerns of the Board
- a. Molly suggested they update and advertise their Amazon wish list.
 - b. Val said the Garden club is working on some signage for the butterfly garden.
- VII. Upcoming and Past Activities
- a. Christmas in the park – It was a huge success. Val thought the games were good because it kept people around longer. Marci Gray added that her kids really liked it because there was lots for her kids to do. Barb left the decorations up because people keep calling and asking her to leave it up for parties. Todd commended Barb on the changes.
- VIII. Adjournment - Todd made a motion, Anita seconded, Motion carried

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