

Park Board Minutes
September 14, 2020
Park Office- Garden House
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to order by President Jim Hogan
 - a. Members present Todd Young, Mardie Long, Anita Chappuie, Alex Moore, Alix Oreck, Val DeFever, Molly Reynolds, Barb Beurskens
 - b. Members not present: Mark Coder
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2020 meeting – A motion was made by Alix, a second by Mardie, motion carried.
- III. New Business
 - a. Barb's Retirement – Due to some recent developments in the city's retirement policy, Barb will be retiring December 19th, 2020. The city will begin taking applications for a replacement eternally first and if they do not find a good candidate will then open it up to the public.
 - b. Logan Fountain Display Pump – The pump is not working in the fountain, but they are not sure what happened to it. Barb thinks it may have had an electrical surge due to being hit by lightning. Anita suggested it may have been clogged from calcium buildup. They are planning to get a new one and try to fix the current one so that they will have a backup in case the new one would break.
 - c. Dog Park ADA Requirements – It is now required to make the dog park ADA compliant which includes a water source. They are asking for one on both sides, but Barb is hoping they can get one in the entrance that will work for both sides. They will also have to make the benches ADA compliant by adding cement bases so they cannot be moved.
 - d. COVID-19 Update – Things are still pretty much the same. The snack shack has done better than last year even through all this.
 - e. Capital Improvement
 - i. Tractor – The park is finally getting its own tractor
 - ii. Locomotive repair, paint, and fence – Barb has \$8000 to spend on the locomotive and would like to get it repainted and a fence put around it if possible. Looking for people who have a knowledge of trains to help.
 - iii. Playground improvements
 - iv. Lone Chief Cabin AC and windows – There is a high demand for air-conditioned buildings, so they are going to put AC in Lone Chief.
 - v. ADA Sidewalks in Kiddie Land – This is still in the preliminary stages and will need to be approved by the park board and city commission before work can begin.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Christmas in the Park – It was still agreed upon to cancel Christmas in the Park due to COVID concerns. Alix suggested having families adopt trees in the park or downtown to

decorate for Christmas as an alternative to allow for social distancing. Mardie suggested making it a competition so that people would really put in a lot of effort.

- V. Staff and Committee Reports
 - a. Alpacas – Two huskies got in the pens and killed two of the new alpacas. The third one, that is 15 years old, is still stressed and the vet has had to make multiple trips out to treat it. The owners of the huskies will have to pay all expenses accrued and have to buy replacement alpacas. More fencing has been added to the catch pens to prevent any other smaller animals from slipping through.
- VI. Other concerns of the board
 - a. Val said she bought the zookeeper for a day experience and recently took her nieces. She said everyone went above and beyond and they had a great time and she will highly recommend people bid on that item if they ever see it in an auction.
- VII. Upcoming and Past Activities
 - a. Glow Golf – September 25th and October 23rd – At the October 23rd golf, they are going to advertise on the radio then bring in music the night of and really try to make it a bigger event since Neewollah is cancelled this year.
 - b. Independence Chamber Movie Night on the Oval – September 26th – The Chamber is hosting another movie night since the first one was so popular.
 - c. Abate First Responder Poker Run and Appreciation Day – September 19th - As part of their celebration, they will be offering free rides and golf on that day.
- VIII. Adjournment – Todd moved that we adjourn the meeting, Alex seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Molly Reynolds – Secretary

Approval _____


Jim Hogan Chairman

Date: _____

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