

Buffalo Park Board Meeting Notes 04/21/2021

- A. **Call meeting to order:** 6:05 pm
- B. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Park Board Members** – Troy Hass, Brandy Harland, Walt Basso, and Eric Teel
 - b. **City Council** – None
 - c. **City Staff**– Tanna Leonard
 - d. **Public** - None
- C. **Park Signs and Beach Front signs**
 - a. Brandy explained that there is one more reading left for City Council’s ordinance amendment and she would have her draft signs ready. She has talked to the sign person and they are ready to go.
- D. **Dog Waste Receptacles**
 - a. Hass showed the members an assembled waste container and said that he would store them in the concession stand until the signs were installed at the beach and the park.
- E. **Baseball**
 - a. The season starts May 30 and there are five teams, 3 T-Ball, and 2 Coach Pitch.
 - b. Fields work was looking good, needing to fix ruts. Public works was providing the dirt and the contractor was going to level it out.
 - c. Basso asked about the maintenance of the field after spending so much on the refurbish. Hass explained that at the last council meeting he asked and council stated it would be up to the little league. Leonard thought that they meant it was up to the Park Board. Teel, as director of Buffalo Little League had no issues maintaining the field for their games and practices through the season but expressed that it was unfair for him to maintain the field for all games and practices not related to their league. There were many discussions on how to proceed with maintenance for games other than Little League. Teel stated that Buffalo Little League would take care of maintenance for the field through the end of the season this year.
 - d. Discussion on the upgrade for the T-Ball field was presented; Courtney Peiffer (excused) sent an email for discussion on the upgrades for the T-Ball field for \$5,660. Board discussed the opportunities with adding another field along with the upkeep and decided to see how the usage is for the two existing fields and go from there. Motion by Hass to not proceed with the upgrades of additional fields at this time, Seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.
 - e. Mayor Rodriguez brought up the ruts that were caused by the field repairs. Public Works Director would need to get dirt and the contractor would level the areas affected. She also explained that the fields took up an unexpected four days and put the City staff behind on other projects.
 - f. Board will revisit field usage, maintenance, fees, etc. in the fall after the season.
- F. **Park Cameras**
 - a. Troy was going to meet with Josh and Tri-City on Monday.
- G. **Dodge Street Park**

- a. It was discussed to refresh the concession, dugouts, and pavilions with new paint. Harland and Teel said that they could assist with working on that project.
- b. It was also discussed what to do with the old tennis courts, ideas of a deck hockey court, and additional skate park equipment was discussed. Harland and Teel would look at updated skate park equipment.

H. West End Park

- a. Waiting to get with Director Ferkel for bids on sidewalk. Leonard explained to the board that Public Works had an employee quit and were short staffed. Current employees were trying to keep up on regular work and gain additional licensing as required for IDNR. Public Works also took over the mowing contract this year and were working on getting that program up and running. So any normal projects that the staff would assist with may have to be re-prioritized.

I. Memorial/River Front/Beach

- a. Harland asked about the replacement of a torn flag at the memorial. Leonard was looking into replacements.
- b. Hass suggested looking into larger flags around the memorial.

J. Future Meetings

- a. May 19 @ 6 pm

K. Adjournment

- a. Teel motion to adjourn, Basso second, all in favor
- b. 7:26 pm