

CITY OF BUFFALO
329 Dodge Street
Buffalo Iowa 52728

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Buffalo Park Board Committee

January 18, 2023, 6:00 pm

1. Call meeting to order – meeting called to order at 6:02 PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Park Board Committee: Troy Hass, Brandy Harland, Adam Gerischer, Renee Peek and Eric Teel
 - b. Council Member Austin Miller, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing, Mayor Sally Rodriguez, and Tanna Leonard (via phone)
3. Public Input
 - a. Eric informed everyone that Little League will be starting March 1 through July 1 and asked for permission to use the diamonds. This was not on the agenda, so it will be added next month for the official approval.
4. Rest Room Updates
 - a. There is currently no proposal submitted. Josh suggested they break the job apart and see if they could get bids by doing that. Leave off the concession stand and just do the bathrooms. Gerischer motioned to remove the concession stand from the bid. Seconded by Harland. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Concession Stand Renovations:
 - a. Concession stand was removed from the previous RFP. Park Board has no one to run the concession stand so they will not be renovating it at this time. They will wait until they know how much money they have to work with whether to remodel it, or maybe use it as a beer stand for future dates.
6. Band shell:
 - a. After looking into the previous bid on the bandshell, it was decided that the park board needed to get 3 bids. They can still end up with the same one, but at least look at alternatives. Josh asked the size they were looking at and Brandy said 32X14 with a base 24" off the ground with steps and a ramp. Josh offered to get some bids and bring to the park board via text or emails, being they were in a time crunch. Gerischer motioned to let Josh find some bids. Seconded by Teel. Motioned carried.
7. Terry Adams Memorial Park

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- a. No updates
8. Chief TJ Behning Park
 - a. Brandy informed the board that the gentleman who made the signs for all the parks, has offered to fix the sign, and attach Chief TJ Behning Park to the one on the west end park. If we could bring him the sign, he would only charge \$100-\$150. Hass motioned to have the sign name changed for no more than \$200. Gerischer seconded. Motion carried.
9. Splash Pad updates:
 - a. No updates on current splashpad. They will look into a smaller pad and more companies.
10. Beach/Memorial:
 - a. They would like more parking for the events at the beach. Council has been working with the DOT on a different project and they have been denied parking on the highway. They will keep looking into it.
 - b. Waiting on concrete for flagpoles.
11. Public Input:
 - a. Rodriguez recommended that they start planning fundraisers to get extra money for all their projects. This is added to the next agenda.
 - b. Rodriguez asked if there was a date for the spring cleanup. Hass gave her the dates of April 1st and April 2nd.
 - c. Rodriguez asked if they had planned on a free gym day this year. Teel said he would be happy to run that. He will get with Judy and find a date.
 - d. Rodriguez asked about the playground equipment. Ferkel informed her that it was received and stored in one of his buildings. Judy asked if they had made plans to add mulch or rubber under the equipment. Brandy said they talked about it but would put that on the next agenda.
 - e. Rodriguez asked if they were interested in putting in a pickleball court or GAGA pit. She said they would have to put a fence back up or something to divide the courts. Everyone talked about the GAGA pit and how the kids at Blue Grass loves theirs. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - f. Leonard (via phone) asked the Board to think about projects they wanted to get done next year and would need more money for, so she could finish up on the budget and get it submitted.
12. Future Meeting – February 22, 2023, 6:00 pm
 - a. Gerischer motioned to accept the future meeting time and date, Hass seconded, all in favor.
13. Adjournment – 7:03 PM
 - a. Hass motioned to adjourn meeting, Gerischer seconded, all in favor.

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