

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
July 28, 2015 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on July 28, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present: Mike Cranston, Catherine Poduska, Lori Boren and Scott Rose. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders. Absent: Kelli Chapman.

1. Approval of the Agenda. An item will be added after the Director's Report for discussion regarding a veteran's memorial at Memorial Park. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from June 16, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Poduska to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - June – July 2015. Siders reported that the Memorial Park restoration is complete. The DNR will not be helping with the water meal problem so the City will be purchasing a product called Sonar which will treat the water in the early spring that will suffocate the plant that is creating the water meal. Siders will also look into some type of fountain to circulate the water. Registration for flag football and fall soccer will start tomorrow. On July 20th, the Linn County Dept of Public Health contacted the pool for a case of Shigella. The pool was shut down for one day and everything was bleached. The next water sample came back negative. Fit 60 activity camp averaged about 13 kids, Lego camp had 12 participants and video game making had 8 participants. The average number enrolled for all other classes going on are around 5.
5. Discussion on a veteran's memorial at Memorial Park. Jim Baty addressed the board and said that he is the architect that is working for the VFW on a new veteran's memorial at the cemetery. There was also an interest in Memorial park having something. There was first discussion about the memorial at the cemetery being moved to Memorial Park but it is too big. However, when the new memorial is placed at the cemetery, the current items there will be displaced. There is a nice memorial stone that is at the cemetery and they would like re-locate that to Memorial Park, which is where it is originally from. An intro would also be added to the current historic phone tour. There would be very little cost to the City to do this, mainly labor to move it and some landscape costs once it is in place. Another idea brought up was an American flag placed near it with some lighting. All board members were in agreement with this idea. Baty will put together a proposal at no charge and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.
6. Discussion regarding possible archery range in Mount Vernon. Tom Wilkinson, who is a teacher at Mount Vernon High school and also in charge of the Mount Vernon Archery Club, addressed the board with an idea of a possible archery range in Mount Vernon. He

provided an “archery park guide” to the board. Possible locations that might work would be the area by the ambulance building and Nature Park. Rose asked how big of an area would be needed. Wilkinson said that the minimum is usually a 20 yard range with enough width for at least 4 people. Siders referred to the archery park guide and said that there would be several options available. City ordinances would need to be looked at and see if there would be any issues. Boren felt that this would be a great use of space and a good activity for kids in the community. Concerns for both proposed sites were discussed, such as parking and placement. The consensus was that the ambulance building site would be ideal due to the visibility of the area. Wilkinson will come back with a concept plan to present, board members will review the archery park guide and discussion will continue at the next meeting. Information will also be gathered from communities that currently have an archery park and what has worked for them.

7. Discussion regarding pool renovations. Boren met with pool manager Katey Sanders did a walkthrough of the pool. Items discussed were concession expansion, air conditioning for the manager’s office and concession area, pool house floors need to be replaced, the water heater system needs to be addressed, restroom lockers, ceiling in men’s restroom and new paint on restroom walls. Siders said there is a plumbing estimate for the mentioned renovations for approximately \$20,000. Boren said that security at the pool is an issue that also needs to be addressed. Deadbolts on doors, security cameras and motion floodlights should be considered. Katey Sanders mentioned new computers and possibly a debit/credit card system. Items to think about for the future include inflatables, new slide system, new umbrella and rock climbing equipment. Equipment replacement is a priority (backboard, rescue tubes, CP masks). The incorporation of a life jacket system was discussed but the consensus was that there was not a need for it at this time. A new pool opening/closing policy will be discussed in the future.

Siders went on to say that there is up to \$200,000 available for pool renovations, some it has already been spent on LED lighting, fault work inside the basin, painted the pool, new locks installed on all doors, new storage closet and a new pump. There is approximately \$180,000 left to spend. Siders compiled a list of things they are thinking of doing such as soffit and fascia boards, new ceiling in the shower rooms, remove tile flooring and replace with either stained concrete or clean and leave as is, paint interior of pool house, replace lockers with coined operated or keyed, create storage area in filter house, new deep end pump, new filter, new water heater for pool house and new piping as well, new bathroom fixtures, new plumbing for filter house, new sink for concessions, new controllers and probes for filter room and new security cameras. Additional wish items include a water slide, rock wall, heater, and a new umbrella for more shade. The goal is to have these items to Council for approval next month. Siders and Boren will meet to prioritize.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and setting public hearing dates. Tabled until next meeting.

9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Rose and Siders met to discuss Capital Projects and re-prioritized items. Siders went over the changes and said at some point it will need to be sent to Council for approval.
10. Old Business.
11. New Business.
12. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Cranston to adjourn the meeting, the time being 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.