

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
October 23, 2018 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on October 23, 2018, at 7:46 p.m. with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, Rory Wiebel and Sandra Fleckenstein. The board has one vacancy. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Wiebel, seconded by Hoffman to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from September 19, 2018. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Wiebel to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - September 15, 2018 to October 15, 2018. There were six trees planted in Nature Park with four of those being planted in the dog park area. The five year anniversary of the dog park celebration hosted a great turnout. Flag football and soccer are finishing up. The punt pass and kick event had approximately 25 participants. Katey Forest is working on year-end pool information. Siders attended a Parks and Recreation Conference in Indianapolis in September.
5. Update regarding Lester Buresh Community Wellness Center. Tuesday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m. will be the bid opening. A trails connection has been added to the plan.
6. Discussion and possible action on electing a Chair and Vice Chair for Board. With the chair and vice-chair going off the board it is necessary to elect new people to those positions. Normally this is done at the first meeting of each year per ordinance so it will need to be done again at that time. Hoffman nominated Poduska as chairperson. All in favor. Wiebel nominated Hoffman as vice-chair. All in favor.
7. Discussion regarding Capital Improvements Plan for Parks and Rec. Siders went over projects on the Capital Improvements Plan with discussion on budget and prioritization. Items reviewed were trails and crossings and park improvements.
8. Discussion regarding Park and Rec Fall /Winter Survey. Categories that have been discussed for getting feedback are communication, programs and future facilities. Discussion will continue next month with the possibility of a survey going out at the beginning of the year.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business.

11. New Business. An external pavilion at the dog park will be discussed as a scout project. Poduska brought up the idea of having a policy or program in place for volunteer coaches in regards to bullying or harassment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m., October 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk