

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
December 17, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on December 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Rory Wiebel, Sandra Fleckenstein, Catherine Poduska and Loren Hoffman. Absent: Roman Meyers. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Recreation Coordinator, Sarah Boots.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve the agenda. Carried all. Meyers absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from November 19, 2019. Motion made by Fleckenstein, seconded by Wiebel to approve the minutes. Carried all. Meyers absent.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - November 15, 2019 to December 15, 2019. Magical Night went great and there were over 900 cookies decorated that evening. There will be holiday open gyms at the end of the month. On November 15<sup>th</sup> Siders participated in the Iowa Parks and Recreation Young Professionals Network luncheon.
5. Discussion regarding MVCSD revised development agreement with the City of MV. Things that will remain the same in the agreement are the number of parking spots in the parking lot, interns will be provided at some point and a reduction in the cost of the land. They are now re-evaluating the after school portion of the agreement and are asking for a few more things that would be a revision to the original agreement. They would like one gym for volleyball from 3:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday, August to October. They would also like one or two gyms for basketball, 3:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday. Siders has agreed to one gym. These would be for high school and middle school kids coming over for practices. Another request is the use of the multi-purpose room one morning a week for the speed and agility program. Some of the other requests are based on availability.
6. Discussion regarding update on the LBC. Hall Perrine presented a check to the City for \$500,000, which was much more than expected with the grant. This will allow the purchase of items that were going to be purchased at a later date and items not originally planned on. Once the City receives a temporary Certificate of Occupancy items can begin being brought into the building.
7. Discussion regarding Ballfield Usage and Rental of Fields. There was previous discussion on this but Siders wanted to bring it back in front of board members for review. The process right now is that Siders will send out forms to coaches to send back to reserve ball fields at the beginning of the year and is first come first served. He feels this is the most fair way to do this but is open to suggestions. Rental of the fields is free

to home teams for practices and there is a small fee for games for prepping of the fields. Siders said the question at hand is if the City is charging enough compared to other communities. The only issue is that some teams have already set their budgets for the year so he wants to know if now is the time to make any changes. The consensus was for Siders to do some comparisons and come back for further discussion and inform teams that there could be a possible increase in pricing for next year.

8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
9. Old Business. Poduska said she received some information on miscommunication regarding the school charging for gym space.
10. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m., November 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted

11. Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk