

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
April 23, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on April 23, 2019, at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Roman Meyers, Rory Wiebel, Sandra Fleckenstein and Loren Hoffman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from March 26, 2019. 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 - March 15, 2019 to April 15, 2019. The City does not have any issues with the doggie waste stations so two of those will be installed. Spring soccer is in full swing. Softball and baseball practices and games have started. Player pitch deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup> and T-ball/Coach pitch deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. In house registrations for swim lessons are over and registration will now take place at the pool or through the pool manager. Training for pool staff started this week. Chalk the Walk sponsorships are up and artist spaces are full. There was a good turnout for the Easter Egg Dash. Spring clean-up uptown is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Work is being finalized on summer camps.
5. Update and discussion regarding (LBFCWC) Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center. Siders presented the fitness equipment lease/purchase information to Council last week and they approved the lease option from Push Pedal Pull. There were 25 applicants for the Recreation Coordinator position. Interviews will take place next week. There will be several meetings held tomorrow dealing with the wellness center. RFP's for marketing went out and are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meyers would like to see the definition of "recreation" placed somewhere inside the center so people can see that it isn't just a fitness center. The facility software vendor will be selected soon.
6. Discussion and possible action on rental rates and policies for the LBFCWC. Siders presented board members with proposed rental rates and policies. Siders asked members to look over the rates and let him know if there are any questions or comments. He will be adding a section on equipment to be used. No action taken. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

7. Discussion regarding Master Trails Plans. Alliant Energy and Linn County announced that they would be purchasing the right of way from Alliant for the purpose of a trail from Bever Park to Lisbon. Mount Vernon would like the group to be aware of our trails plan as they proceed. There may be discussion from the City to buy back part of the right of way to complete a trail for the City. Completion on this project is possibly 5 to 10 years out. Future discussion will focus on re-prioritizing the trails plan and incorporating the trails plan into the Master Plan
8. Discussion regarding survey for Park and Rec / LBFCWC. Siders is asking for input on if and when the board would like to send out a survey. If something is going to be done in the near future for the wellness center he would like to wait on a survey for general Parks and Rec. Part of the marketing RFP for the wellness center could focus on community input so nothing will be done at this time.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Nothing to report. Parks is assigned to Fleckenstein, Capital is assigned to Wiebel, Pool is assigned to Poduska, Programming is assigned to Meyers and Volunteer is assigned to Hoffman.
10. Old Business.
11. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m., April 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted

12. Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk