

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
May 21, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on May 21, 2019, at 5:30 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 Hoffman, seconded by Meyers to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from April 23, 2019. Motion made by Fleckenstein, seconded by Hoffman to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - April 15, 2019 to May 15, 2019. The 4th grade class came out on April 18th for park clean-up. The Kinesiology Department at Cornell College also did a park clean-up at Elliott Park. Wellmark awarded the City a \$100,000 grant that will go towards trails and outdoor amenities. T-Ball has started and Coach Pitch will start in the next few days. The heater at the pool is broken and staff is currently getting quotes to fix it or purchase new. Chalk the Walk had another great year. A summer camp flyer will come out later this week. Sarah Boots has been hired for the Recreation Coordinator position and will begin July 1st. She will be responsible for all programming within the City as well as the wellness center.
5. Discussion regarding Zoe's Pet Deli hosting Anniversary Party at Dog Park in June. Zoe's Pet Deli would like to host an anniversary event at the dog park in June. The park will remain open as usual.
6. Update and discussion regarding (LBFCWC) Lester Brush Family Community Wellness Center. There are three companies that will be interviewing for the marketing RFP's on the May 30th. Progress is being made on construction of the facility. There has been discussion with Cornell College on discounted rates for staff and students that would also be offered to other businesses. Siders has started working on general policies for the facility, which he provided to board members for review.
7. Discussion and possible action on rental rates and policies for the LBFCWC. General discussion continued on rental rates. Items discussed were rates, reservation guidelines, length of rentals, deposits and refunds. Siders is looking at allowing scheduling for future rentals of the facility on August 1, 2019 with no rentals taking place until January 1, 2020. There was also discussion on use of the garden area and whether rentals would be allowed. Full-facility rentals were mentioned but these would only be allowed a limited number of times per year if they were allowed.

8. Discussion regarding updating Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Siders recommended scheduling a meeting to focus discussion on this item only when all members can be present. Siders will compile a list of discussion items for this meeting.
9. Discussion regarding updating trails priority for CIP. Because of the new trail possibly coming into town from Linn County, the trails plan may need to be revisited. This should also be incorporated into or mentioned in the Master Parks and Recreation plan as well.
10. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Meyers is looking into a possible youth lacrosse program as well as a referee program and coaching clinics.
11. Old Business.
12. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., May 21, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk