

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
July 2, 2019 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on July 2, 2019, at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Roman Meyers, Sandra Fleckenstein and Loren Hoffman. Absent: Rory Wiebel. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders Recreation Coordinator, Sarah Boots.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Meyers to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from May 21, 2019. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Meyers to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - May 15, 2019 to June 15, 2019. Siders thank Fleckenstein for starting with the creation of the flower beds and entrances to the City parks. Two new City employees have taken that over and they look very nice. Baseball, softball and t-ball programs are done for the season. Flag football and soccer registration will begin July 24th. The July Parks and Recreation meeting will be on July 16th. The new pool heater was installed about two weeks ago. Other new items at the pool include the concession stand air conditioner, chest freezer and card printer. Summer classes in June went very well. Information will be available soon for upcoming camps.
5. Introduction – Sarah Boots, City of Mount Vernon Recreation Coordinator. Siders introduced new employee Sarah Boots, Recreation Coordinator. She is currently sharing an office with Siders until the new community wellness center is up and running. She brings years of experience to the City of Mount Vernon.
6. Discussion regarding Healthy Hometown designation. Wellmark teams up with communities to help establish healthier options that would include more walkability and healthy snack options available throughout the community including at the pool and schools, in addition to many other options. A committee will be organized that will include City officials, residents and community business owners.

Wiebel arrives.

7. Update and discussion regarding (LBFCWC) Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center. Siders gave an update on the construction progress of the facility. Tentative opening date has been moved to January 2020. The furniture and camera packages came in under budget and have been approved by Council.
8. Discussion regarding updating Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Siders would like to come up with a plan today and discuss it in more detail at the July 16th meeting. The trails in the CIP will need to somehow be referenced or incorporated more into the plan. Siders feels at some point a public survey will be needed but not necessary with the current update. Board members will re-evaluate the plan and come back on July 16th and discuss in more detail.
9. Discussion regarding updating Trails priority for CIP. The current CIP was created in 2018 with a five year plan. The trails priority of the plan needs to be updated with the future Linn County trail also being incorporated. There is currently \$200,000 available that has been accumulated over the years that can be used towards trails and the City recently received a grant from Wellmark for the trail near the wellness center. The Nature Park trail will be completed this year. Board members went over the priority list for trails to determine if changes were needed to the schedule and included the Linn County trail into the plan. The wellness center trail has been moved to the top of the list. Slight adjustments were made to the schedule for the remaining trails.
10. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
11. Old Business. Zoe's Pet Deli will be re-scheduling their anniversary party at the dog park that was rained out.
12. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m., July 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk