

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 1st day of Jun 2020 at 5:45 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room, City Hall. Members could participate in person who virtually.

The following members participated: Dir. Joe Protz, Lamont Kiefer, Donna Evans, Bruce Peth, Dustin Powell, Shirley Galstad-Roh, Tess Saunders, Oak Moser

The following members were absent: Jared Tessman

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Others present: Mayor Mike Murray, Steve Rundio, Bob Kliebenstein

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Moser to accept the minutes of the Apr 27, 2020 regular meeting, second by Evans, All ayes. Motion carried.

Nomination and election of officers: Nomination for Dustin Powell as chairperson was made/seconded, no further nominations. All ayes to appoint Powell as chairperson.

Nomination for Moser as secretary was made/seconded, no further nominations. All ayes to appoint Moser as secretary. As reference, member term expirations are: Moser and Saunders - 2021, Powell and Galstad-Roh - 2022, Tessman and Peth - 2023.

Winnebago Park Phase 1: Dir Protz reviewed Phase 1 design changes (includes boat ramp area, trail, restroom and other features). The \$300,000 that had been allocated for Phase 1 of Winnebago Park Plan has currently been removed from the 2020 bonding for projects, but funds are available to complete the construction designs and bid documents for Phase 1. There was discussion primarily about the proposed trail and the route it may take, single or multiple trails (cars vs pedestrian traffic), etc.... Dir Protz communicated that a very generous anonymous donation of \$25,000 was made to support the trail around the peninsula area. Motion by Evans, second by Peth, to direct Dir Protz to finalize the recommended design for a single trail from the south boat dock area to the peninsula, providing the most green space between the trail/roadway and the shoreline. All ayes, motion carried.

Tomah Youth Hockey Club (TYHC) request to install score booth/press box at Tomah Ice Center: TYHC has funds, materials and labor available through donations (primarily All American Lumber, Walker Construction, American Family Insurance - Jason Lassen Agency) to construct a 10' x 10' enclosed score booth/press box above the current scorer's table and taking the place of the current viewing platform. The project will also include the installation of a large screen video display. (14' x 9'). Walker Construction will be handling the construction and will work with the City Inspector to ensure City building code compliance. Motion by Peterson, second by Moser to approve TYHC's plan to install the booth and display as proposed. All ayes, motion carried.

Aquatic Center schedule and procedures: Dir Protz reviewed proposed Wellness Initiatives and Health Safety Guidelines that would permit use of the Aquatic Center, along with proposed schedules designed to accommodate social distancing recommendations as much as possible. There was much discussion and many questions. Dir Protz has been in contact with several local communities and there is a mix of open and closed facilities. The City Council has asked the PRC for a proposal. After review of the guidelines presented by Dir Protz which cover operations, cleaning, modifications to activities at the Aquatic Center (lessons, open swims, required adult supervision, etc.), review of CDC recommendations, and the following verifications, additions, etc....

- Water slides will be closed, the "drop slide" will remain open
- Diving boards will remain in use
- Capacity will be limited to 25% of maximum rating for the facility, max is 610 people, capacity will be limited to 152 and adjusted up/down as conditions seem to dictate
- Further enhancement or lifting of any and all restrictions will be considered on an ongoing basis
- Given the circumstances and capacity limits as well as other conditions, no summer memberships will be sold and use of the Aquatic Center will be on daily fees only (a "card punch" program may be established)
- All citizens, adults, families, are encouraged to understand the guidelines regarding the Aquatic Center's use and make informed decisions as to their own use of the facility

a motion was made by Moser, seconded by Evans to direct Dir Protz to present the proposed guidelines to the Council for consideration with a target opening date of June 11. 6 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir Protz reviewed the monthly 2020 Park and Rec Program report. Park and Rec staff are cleaning, painting and maintaining assets, as much as possible. Park shelters are now available to rent (Rec Park facilities in late June). Outdoor bathrooms are open. Some Rec Programs, possibly with modification, will resume in June. Adult summer leagues are targeted for a June 24 start date. Fireworks are scheduled for July 4.

Other Affairs:

- PRC Chairperson Powell welcomed Councilman Dean Peterson to the PRC.
- As of this date, the County Fair is still scheduled at Rec Park for July 29- Aug 2.

Motion by Peterson, to adjourn, second by Peth. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next regular meeting to be held Monday, June 29, 2020, 5:45PM, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser