



Garden City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes
July 25, 2022

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Erich Schaefer called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on July 25, 2022, with members Marilyn Porter and Brian Wilson present. Prithvy Murthy joined by zoom and Isidro Marino was not in attendance. Staff included Parks and Recreation Director, Aaron Stewart, Superintendent, Jared Rutti and Finance Coordinator, Jessica Wikoff.

II. Approval of Agenda

Marilyn Porter moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Wilson seconded the motion; motion carried.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following shall stand approved/accepted as presented unless action is taken to remove an item from the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting held on May 23, 2022
- Staff/Participation Reports for June 2022

There being no comments or questions, the consent agenda stands as approved.

V. Superintendent's Report

Athletics: Superintendent, Jared Rutti informed the board that the recreational baseball/softball summer season has completed. Last weekend Garden City hosted the Midwest Regional Tournament. Teams from North Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado and Minnesota participated in this event.

At present, a basketball camp is underway and a volleyball camp is scheduled for next week. These camps are available for youth attending 1st – 6th grade.

The next round of youth activities will be flag football, soccer and volleyball. Adults will have the options of softball or pickleball.

Aquatics: Aquatics attendance continues to remain steady. The hot temperatures have forced many to stay indoors during the day as told by the attendance figures. However, the Friday night events continue in popularity. Current reports show just over 40,000 visitors through July 24, 2022. In addition, the splashpad is up and running and has been well attended.

Fitness: The coordinators recently finished their summer session of Fit Camp. Both sessions contained a total of 60 participants enrolled in this free summer care program. Bridget Clarke will plan to offer an after-school care program beginning in September that will mimic the activities of the summer session.

Arts: The upcoming community theater production of Crybaby will be held on August 12th – 14th. Tickets can be purchased at GCPR's front desk or from the cast. "Brave" will be the final feature to appear in the Saturday Night Silver Screen schedule.

VI. Financial Reports for June 2022

Jessica Wikoff presented the financial report through June 2022. The largest item to note was the tax incentive that was allocated to the account. With that revenue, net income to date was reported just over \$36,000. Expenses remain steady in comparison to 2021 in the general categories. However, expenses are up 21% over 2021. This is mainly due to the strategic master plan expenses budgeted and incurred this year.

VII. Director's Report

Aaron Stewart shared the latest developments concerning the Southeast Community Park project. Budget costs were received, and staff has been given an opportunity to review the final report. Meetings will need to be set with the finance director to discuss the project further.

The Skatepark will be hosting the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, August 16th at 10:30 am. The project is due to be completed by mid-November, early December and will cost just over \$1 million.

Per the Commission's directive Hunden Strategic Partners was hired to conduct a feasibility study which will include the ice rink facility and a recreation center.

The following locations/projects have been identified as items to complete within the next 18 months:

- Restrooms at Rotary Park along the Talley Trail
- Cleaver restroom replacement/Cleaver Renovations

Staff is currently working on a combined RFP which will include restroom facilities at Rotary Park, Cleaver Field and Buffalo Dunes.

- Trail connections and entryway landscaping for Chappel Heights Housing Development

VIII. New Business

No new business was presented for discussion at this time.

IX. Unfinished Business

The group photo session was tabled for the next meeting when all members are present.

X. Garden City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Questions and Comments

No questions or comments were presented for discussion at this time.

XI. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 22nd at 12:00 p.m. at the Garden City Parks and Recreation building in Classroom 1. There being no further business, Marilyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Jessica Wikoff
Finance Coordinator

Approved: _____

