

**\* de-notes participating electronically via Zoom meeting.**

The Harlan Parks & Recreation Board met on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Todd Berndt, Jon Hansen and EJ Leinen\*

Absent: Sara Poepsel and Ladonna Havick

Also, Present: Gene Gettys, Ashley Schleis, Jane Smith, Tim Miller, Tony Kramer, Greg Blatt, Mike Kolbe\*, Jeanna Rudolph\* and Jenney Kelly\*

The meeting was called to order by Todd Berndt. Jon Hansen made a motion, seconded by EJ Leinen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest are to be stated if and when applicable. None.

It was moved by EJ Leinen and seconded by Jon Hansen to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent Report:**

- Steve Plumb is retiring on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tony Kramer was hired to replace Steve and will start on April 1<sup>st</sup> as the new Assistant Superintendent.
- Pool pass sale is in April.
- We will need to fill the pool sooner and slower this year so we don't use so much water at one time.
- The Little George shelter removal/burn is complete with concrete still needing removed. Construction will start soon for the new shelter.
- Field #4 at JJ Jensen will be used this year due to so many youth out for baseball and softball.
- Started putting up the red safety cap.

**Pioneer Park Pond Fountain**

- The current quote Tim has is \$8,100 for the fountain and supplies and there will be additional cost for an electrician. There is an option for a colored light kit for the fountain. It was moved by Jon Hansen and seconded by EJ Leinen to move forward with the colored light kit. Motion carried unanimously.

**Park Signs Update**

- Mike Kolbe and Todd Berndt would like to try a sign or two with this new product and see how it holds up. Mike Kolbe will reach out to the vendor and see if we can have a few examples for the next meeting.

**River Access**

- Gene Gettys has been working with LT Leon and Harlan Municipal Utilities. There could be a funding opportunity that arises, Gene will know more at the next meeting.

**Dream Playground**

- There was some light discussion on what the next steps should be. This will be a standing agenda item moving forward.

The JJ Jensen agreement with the school will be presented to the City Council on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Beebe Park is looking great; the Ernst family bench and the revamped animal toy are both in.

Swim Team sign up is April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Grants**

- Sara Poepsel received \$8,600 from the Southwest Iowa Community Foundation for the Pioneer Park pond fountain.
- IPRA mini-grant for a drinking fountain was not funded.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at noon.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

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Ashley Schleis, Recording Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.*