

City of Polk City
Parks Commission
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2014

The Parks Commission for the City of Polk City met in regular session on December 1, 2014 at City Hall, in Polk City, Iowa. Present were David Hiatt, Sam Hill, Audrey Bell, Bob Fourez and Josh Reed. With Adriane Stankey Tiedens arriving at 6:05.

Also present, were Council Liaison David Dvorak, Assistant City Administrator Deb Nabity, and Tree Board Liaison Ken Morse. Chairman Hiatt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Bell, second by Fourez the commission voted vocally and unanimously to approve the minutes from November 3, 2014.

Jim Mayberry of 408 Sandpiper Ct. F-5 was present to ask the commission about plans for a parking lot at Leonard Park. He explained that he likes to take his grandson to the park. However, the lack of close parking is an issue because he is handicapped.

The commission explained that a parking lot was in the original plans for the park, but due to the cost had been sidelined. Council Liaison Dvorak explained that this is an issue the commission needs to look at during the 2015-2016 budgeting session. It was also explained that the commission had considered other options for parking.

Mayberry was pleased to hear that there had been talk of a parking lot and that they would be looking at it in the future.

Ron Anderson of 710 Tyler St. was present and asked the commission to consider a skate park at Kiwanis All Seasons Park. He suggested that it could have temporary pipes and runs during the warm months and then be an ice skating rink in the winter. If at some point the skate park was not being utilized they could convert it into a second basketball court. This project would be a collaboration between the Polk City Kiwanis and Polk City for the purpose of improving Kiwanis All Seasons Park.

The commission discussed different ideas and will pass these on to the Polk City Kiwanis.

Tim West of Snyder and Associates was present and shared his recommendations for phasing in the improvements to Doc Simmer Memorial Park. He shared a spreadsheet that broke the cost down into three phases. Once started the project could be completed in four to six months.

Nabity discussed the recommendations from the Summer Recreation Committee. The commission set new prices and established firm deadlines for enrollment. It was agreed that these deadlines need to be firm and enforced. The commission requested

staff maintain a waiting list for late enrollees. If a registered participant drops out of the program their position may be filled with an age appropriate registrant on the waiting list. The new enrollee will be required to pay the full registration fee to attend the Summer Recreation Program.

Upon a motion by Hill, second by Bell the commission voted vocally and unanimously to recommend council adopt the Summer Recreation Committee's recommendations for the 2015 season and staff establish a waiting list for late enrollees to be accepted into the program in the event a current enrollee drops out.

The commission will be discussing the 2015-16 budget at the January 5, 2015 meeting. Nability asked the commission to bring in their ideas for park improvements.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Reed the commission voted vocally and unanimously to elect Sam Hill chairperson for 2015.

Upon a motion by Hill, second by Hiatt the commission voted vocally and unanimously to elect Audrey Bell chairperson pro-tem for 2015.

The commission discussed expanding recreation events to go throughout the year for all ages. Various ideas were discussed and will be on future agenda's.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Tiedens the commission voted vocally and unanimously to adjourn at 7pm

Charlotte Loter CMC
Deputy City Clerk