**CITY OF RED BUD**

**PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING**

**APRIL 5, 2023**

**Members present**:  Jim Birke, Tim Fahey, Wil Krick, Deb Opel, and Terri Reed.

**Members absent**:  Kyle Herriman, Ryan Koudela, Brad Mayberry, and Winnie Rehmer.

**Others Present**:  none

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Fahey at 6:30 PM at City Hall

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved as read.

OSLAD GRANT

* Tim shared renderings of the project from Farnsworth Group.  Discussed.  Also shared letter from Jeff Mueller explaining changes to the site and progress of the project.  Committee is very pleased with progress being made and keeping the project on timeline.  The City will be using Vortex for purchasing the toys for the splash pad.
* Deb and Terri shared our choices of possible ‘toys’ identified by our consultant as the most popular toys that  kids seem to play in for the splash pad’s three areas.  We discussed age groups, activities, and waterflow. We choose what we felt would be good choices and Terri and Deb will share those with Jeff and Susan.
* Terri will ask Jeff about timers on toys, and adding new features to the pad in the future.

**POOL**

* Concession stand- Park committee members will begin soon on repairing

**LINCOLN PARK**

Parks and Recreation Committee again discussed proposed windscreens for the multipurpose field/pickleball courts submitted by Dian Keil in February.  (paperwork already shared with Aldermen after February meeting) ***Deb Opel made a motion to City Council to purchase the windscreens for the pickleball courts, not to exceed $3000.00.  Terri Reed seconded.  Motion carried unanimously.***

**RATZ PARK**

* new work/clean up date is Saturday, April 22.

**MUSKETS FIELD**

* nothing to report

**SPORTSPLEX**

Kyle was not able to attend the meeting but sent an email to committee members.

* He shared that for the past two years there have been issues of standing water, between diamonds 1 & 2, (where they move equipment onto diamond 2, on the far side of the shed).  They are asking to pour rock in this area, to stop the standing water or potentially moving the entrance to diamond 2 to a different location.  ***Jim made a motion to the City Council to pour needed rock at the ball diamonds.  Wil seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***
* Other items shared include
1. registration is complete for this summer
2. have enough teams (5 each) to have both a mens and coed league but on a shorter schedule
3. They are working on a way to purchase a new beverage cooler for concession stand
4. During the off-season, they want to reconfigure the setup of the concession stand to use the existing beer window and the large window facing diamond 1 as ordering windows and not have the general public enter the building to make purchases.  This move will allow more room to operate and potentially add more food/beverage options.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

* **Vice’s has requested using Ratz Park tables for their Spring Fling.  Parks and Recreation Committee requests that THEY ONLY BE ALLOWED TO USE WOODEN TABLES (they only used wooden tables in 2022) There are several wooden tables at Ratz Pavilion.**

* ***The Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously suggested the Red Bud City Council raise rental fees for use of Park Pavilions.  Recommend raising at Ratz Park Finley Pavilion from $30.00 -$40.00, all others $15.00-$25.00.  At Lincoln Park all Pavilions raised from $20.00-$25.00***

***NEXT REGULAR MEETING scheduled for May 3,  6:30 at Ratz Pavilion***

***Jim made  a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wil seconded.  Motion carried unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Reed, Secretary