

**AUGUST 31, 2020 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Candy Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Candy Davis, Casey Langan, Steve Guertin, Ken Haagensen, Russ Jorstad and Bonnie Slagg

Excused: Denise Lagan

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Mayor Christopher Lund, Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Alderperson Jim Burdick, Todd Wescott, Tim Kahl and Travis Doehr.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting notice was properly posted on Friday, August 28, 2020. Agendas were posted at Edgerton Post Office, Edgerton Public Library and City Hall.

ELECT CHAIR: A Haagensen/Slagg motion to nominate Candy Davis as Chairperson passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Haagensen/Jorstad motion to close the nominations passed on a 6/0 roll call vote. Candy Davis was elected Chairperson on a 6/0 roll call vote..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Jorstad/Guertin motion to approve the April 20, 2020 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed on a 6/0 roll call vote

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT POLICY: The Committee reviewed a draft policy for the use of the ball diamonds at Racetrack Park for tournaments. The City does not have a policy on the use of the softball/baseball fields from any outside user for tournaments. The baseball and softball teams that use the fields on a regular basis have requested the use of the fields for tournaments but would like to not have the city owned concession stand open. The individual teams would like to provide concessions on their own. They feel this is an important fundraiser for their organization.

Tim Kahl, 11720 N Woodsvie Crossing, President of Edgerton Softball league, stated the fees associated with this policy would cause leagues to pull their tournaments and schedule them elsewhere because the leagues would lose money.

Steve Guertin suggested sharing the profits of the concession stand revenue with the tournament hosts. The suggestion was to have the city provide some staff and the league provide some staff. Mr. Kahl again suggested the city allow the leagues to have their own concession stand open and leave the city owned stand closed.

Russ Jorstad suggested the city provide concessions the leagues do not provide. This would allow for fewer employees scheduled for the city and would allow both entities to make money.

Candy Davis suggested charging a reduced rate for the “regular” users. These would be leagues who use the park on a regular basis and who give back to improvements at the park. The occasional non-regular user would be the teams that use the facilities on an occasional basis. These teams would pay a larger fee for tournaments.

Travis Doehr, 462 Watts Springs Rd, stated he would be willing to pay some type of fee for tournaments but he felt \$250/field was excessive. He would like the leagues to be able to have their own concessions. The city could provide a staff member to come in and stock and clean restrooms at the end of each day and the league would be willing to pay that cost.

A Davis/Slagg motion to require the concession stand to be open for tournaments for all non-regular users passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Haagensen/Slagg motion to approve a \$100/day tournament fee for “regular” park users without the city concession stand and no staffing passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Jorstad/Guertin motion to approve a \$300 rental fee and a \$500 deposit plus actual cost to prep field if requested for all non-regular users for a tournament passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

LEAGUE FEES: A proposed fee schedule for weekly leagues was presented to the Committee. The fee schedule was based on a fee per field prep. This would make it equitable for each team.

A Jorstad/Guertin motion to charge all leagues a \$15/field full prep fee per game or a \$5/field partial prep fee per game passed on a 6/0 roll call vote

RACETRACK PARK NETTING: Howard Moser reported the current nets above the center of the ball diamonds are in disrepair. Moser did some research on other ball diamonds and found mounting the nets on the backstops would be easier to maintain. He stated we could possibly use some of the existing netting. He provided a picture of this netting layout from another community.

Tim Kahl stated he felt with no netting covering the spectators there could still be a possibility of someone getting hit by a foul ball. The netting going straight up will not prevent a ball coming over from another field. He also stated that if the netting were mounted to the top of the back stops but were angled in, it may stop more balls from going over the nets.

SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS: The DNR recommends all overhead power lines in parks be buried. Some of the cost to bury the lines can be covered with developer fees.

A Slagg/Haagensen motion to include \$13,000 in the 2021 budget to bury all overhead lines at Racetrack Park passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Davis/Jorstad motion to move forward with the installation of bollards in the amount of \$1,500 for the soccer field in the 2021 budget passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

SKATEBOARD PARK RAMPS: The skate park ramps were removed from Central Park several years ago. The ramps have been in storage since they were removed. The Committee may attempt to sell the ramps. The ramps were purchased with a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation. If the ramps are sold, the city may be required to pay back the \$5,000 grant.

A Slagg/Guertin motion to approve listing the skateboard ramps on an auction site with a \$5,000 reserve passed on a 5/1 roll call vote. Casey Langan voted against the motion

SWING AT ST JOHN'S PARK: Jim Burdick, 17 Blanchard made a request to have an ADA swing installed at St. John's Park. He was contacted by an employee of St. John's day care who knew of a student that attended the daycare that needed the use of an ADA swing. The daycare is now closed so there is no longer an urgent need for the swing.

PARKING ON PICKLE BALL COURT: During busy hours at Central Park the cement slab where the pickle ball courts are located has been used for overflow parking. Howard Moser reported there will be additional parking added on the north side of the park with the improvements near the Veterans' Memorial. This should eliminate the need to park on the pickle ball courts.

A Davis/Langan motion to prohibit parking on the pickle ball courts and use signage to alert drivers passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Davis/Jorstad motion to adjourn passed. All voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/wjl
City Administrator