

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022

Call to order at 6:00 pm by John Roach

In Attendance: John Roach, Erin Hinkel, Duke Schaefer and Kerry Kemp

Absent: Erin Hoskin and Bryan Simmerly

Meeting Minutes:

No changes were requested for the minutes presented on September 21, 2022

Aquatic Reconstruction Project Update (Mayor Cooney and Director Mary Kay Costello)

- Presentation with slides was presented
- Background of the pool and past construction was discussed
- Investigation made from 2021 leaking. Water underneath poolpaks. Roof did a nice job keeping water out of Gemini Center. The belief is due to a blockage in one of the poolpak drains. Also discussed that a major problem was the design of the poolpaks being on curbs. Any new unit will be raised up and not on a curb
- Karpinski Engineering looked at the poolpak units/HVAC and gave redesign ideas with better drainage into storm system
- Building envelope was investigated by CRI. Wilhelm Roofing did work on the roof to make repairs. Among the findings: corrosion, mold, lights need replaced, duct cables, curtain wall, paint, rusting, valve replacement, splash pad exterior gates, slide removal
- Current pumps discontinued, council approved order of new pumps
- Pool concrete issues: diamond brite deterioration, rusting, moisture/testing probes revealed pool finish would not adhere to concrete, concrete conditions were bad and could affect rebar and strength of concrete, lights and jets not sealed properly
- Surge tank issues found during leak detection. New valves and door will need to be addressed
- Open field behind rec is a water retention basin and unable to be used for future building
- Construction litigation has been discussed but is it worth it?
- Pool construction history: Camps removed and replaced by the bonding company (unique), Capri Pools hired in February of 2008 and held harmless for all of Camps work. Floors were poured concrete and walls were shotcrete
- December of 2021, the city was authorized to request for RFP for aquatics assistance. Brandstetter Carroll, Inc was selected as the pool consultant
- August 2022 Solon visit to look at pool liner systems
- Other issues to resolve in pools: wave room walls, beam painting, additional aquatic items not in the current scope (motors, boilers, lane line reel, sauna heater, starting blocks, timing system, diving boards, bleachers, pace clocks) totaling \$214,940 as of 2021
- Future work: ongoing roof maintenance, Morton Splash Pad, Morton Tennis Courts, FHS Stadium Turf and Track
- Synopsis of options/costs:
 - Restoration = \$5.7m-\$8.5m estimate
 - Replacement = \$8.2m estimate
 - Repurposing = \$4.8m estimate
- Future actions: further investigation, funding plan, community input

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

Financial Updates

- Expense Report to date
- Recent Purchases
 - Security Cameras
 - Network Upgrades
- Upcoming Purchases
 - Tennis Courts TBD
 - Bain Cabin Shutdown

Gemini Center & Facility Updates

- Staff Update:
 - Josue Collazo started on Oct 11
 - Short Staffed, open positions
 - Fitness and Wellness Coordinator position is available beginning October 1
 - Hiring all positions: Site and Building Supervisors, Fitness Floor Attendants, Custodial and Kids Club
- Security Cameras up and running
- Bain Park: Restroom construction has begun and playground plans going to Planning & Design tonight and up for City Council approval on Oct 24.
- Presenting a state of the rec department focusing on memberships and fees to City Council on Nov 14.

Programming Updates

- Youth Sports
 - Basketball registration runs Oct 15- Nov 13
 - 1-2 Grade in-house and 3-8 Grade Junior Cavs program
 - Youth Soccer has finished. Surveys have been sent to parents
 - Youth Flag Football and Volleyball will be completed in the next few weeks
 - Hosting a Football Night under the Lights for our rec teams on either Tuesday Nov 1
- Youth Programs
 - Respite Events: Not So Spooky (Oct 29) and Holiday (Dec 4)
 - Rec the Halls Nov 5
 - Babysitter Training Nov 12 & Dec 10
 - Gobble Wobble Nov 19
 - A Visit to Whoville Dec 6 & 7
- Special Events
 - Winterfest Nov 27, 4:30-6:30pm

Board of Education Report (Erin Hinkel)

- Issue 7 renewal of operating levy. Represents over 10% of general operating budget. No new taxes. 10 year term
- Townhall on Oct. 24
- Treasurer's Office Excellence Award for 20th year

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- Absent

Individual Park Report:

- None

Commissioner's exchange:

- None

Recognition of Visitors:

- None

Adjournment: 7:24 pm