

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
Dallas Center Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 29, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.
Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, Dallas Center

1. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
2. Roll call
 - a. Present - Mary Werch, Bob King, Amy Sonntag, Bret Van De Pol (arrived at 6:32pm), Shelley Horak (arrived at 6:34pm)
 - b. Absent - Gary Licht
3. Action to approve agenda
 - a. King moves to approve agenda, Hinders seconds; all in favor
4. Public comments – any person may address the Board for up to two minutes
 - a. Julie Becker would like for all materials for meetings to be readily available ahead of time, posted with the agendas, as opposed to having to be requested.
5. Action to approve minutes of June 6, 2023
 - a. Sonntag moves to approve minutes, Van De Pol seconds, all in favor
6. Review of previous month's budget expenses
 - a.
7. Discussion and action for recommendation to City Council on approval of tree removal quote
 - a. 7 trees to remove at Burnett, 1 at Mound, 2 at Memorial
 - b. Sonntag moves to approve estimate for tree removal from Xtreme Tree, pending an update if necessary, and to present to City Council.
 - c. King seconds, all in favor
8. Discussion and action for recommendation to City Council for tree carving quote
 - a. Big tree in Memorial Park and big tree in Mound Park would not be good options for carving; too dead on the interior of the trunks.
 - b. Two trees at Memorial Park that would be appropriate size (one behind restroom, one closest to shelter).
 - c. Cost \$550/stump - includes color
 - d. Big trees would cost about twice as much, if we decide to explore that option in the future. A mustang would be an option on a larger tree!
 - e. Van De Pol recommends to request a fox, as we have foxes living in each park.
 - f. Monies for this project could come from ground maintenance line on budget.
 - g. King moves to negotiate a contract for two trees in Mound Park to be carved by Gary Keenan; Sonntag seconds, all in favor
9. Discussion and action for recommendation to City Council on tennis court repair/resurface
 - a. Appears to be some standing water; cracks, etc.
 - b. No quotes yet

- c. Werch spoke to original contractor (Tennis Services of Iowa) – they say 6-8 years before recommending resurfacing; can be patched (colors will not match, but the surface will last longer)
 - d. Sonntag recommends getting a quote for patching; defer to next month
- 10. Discussion and consideration on status of horseshoe courts in Mound Park
 - a. Either need to fix or remove
 - b. Currently serves as more of a hazard than entertainment.
 - c. Sonntag moves to remove horseshoe courts in Mound Park and save any usable pieces for other projects; Van De Pol seconds, all in favor
- 11. Discussion and action for recommendation to City Council on application for Granting a Better Tomorrow grant
 - a. ~\$1500; has to be spent in Dallas County
 - b. 9 small arborvitae (one every 10 feet) at Mound Park between shelter and basketball court; 4 large arborvitae at Burnett Complex to replace winter-killed trees (small \$65/each, large \$125/each)
 - c. Grant only for trees, not for planting; get citizens volunteer help
 - d. King moves to prepare and submit to City Council to apply for Granting a Better Tomorrow grant; Sonntag seconds, all in favor
- 12. Update on status of ongoing projects
 - a. Basketball Court - poured, marked, waiting on basketball hoops to be installed (after July 10th); 4 parking spots will be available off of the street; existing parking lot, where existing basketball hoops are, will be resurfaced and specifically used for parking; Rotary \$8,000 is with City; need recognition sign for Dallas County Foundation Grant.
 - b. Swimming pool - shades up; waiting for new lights; bike racks up; schools are coming to the pool, over 400 passes have been sold; will clear coat poles for shades at end of season; slides are to arrive later this season (August), won't be available for use until next year; shelter and sidewalk (connecting bike trail) to be done by the end of the season; when sidewalk is poured – request pad for memorial bench to be poured; CAT grant - still have money for furniture for around pool (need more loungers)
 - c. Soccer fields - Van De Pol spoke with City - equipment has arrived!
 - d. New shelving in roller skating building - nothing to report yet
 - e. Lights - Horak emailed after June meeting for City to order, City got order placed; bill will go to July budget
 - f. Pocket Park - fencing ordered (here?), King has lights to show us at next meeting
- 13. Board member reports
 - a. King was asked to revisit how to reserve shelters, particularly for by the pool
 - b. Horak recommends evaluating trees that are removed to see about the possibility of using in the natural playscape that has been discussed
 - c. King - Red Lion is putting in solar to power City; panels to go into NW corner of Heritage Park, parallel to bike trail, on four back poles, two front poles; poles to have electric hookups so that P&R can have the option to turn this area into an amphitheater at some point (would have no walls). Lowest point of ceiling would be 15 feet above ground; must be able to offer Red Lion the ability to do repairs when necessary.

- d. Werch - shelter built at Burnett has trusses - do we want to seal it off with a ceiling to avoid having an issue with birds? City may be able to do this with plywood, Werch to ask.
- 14. Other business
- 15. Adjournment
 - a. 7:26pm

Sydney Hinders, Secretary