

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, September 16, 2021 in room 402 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Tim Fulcher, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Akshitha Sahu, Dennis Trantham, Brian Goul, Kurt Bovensiep, Ashely Tebedo

Govindrajan Thattai arrived at 6:40pm.

Absent: Kristin Franklin recently resigned.

Introduction of Parks and Recreation Board Members

Visitors: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 9 – 001

RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 18, 2021 are approve with the change to Kristin Martin to Kristin Franklin in approval of # PR 2021 – 4 - 003.

Moved by Kelly Martin
Seconded by Casey Colussi

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business - none

New Business-

Park Naming Presentation – Kurt Bovensiep

- Requires City Staff to publish the city is accepting names for the new park for thirty days.
- Parks and Recreation Board is to discuss names submitted then a public hearing would be held at a later date
- After the public hearing the Parks and Recreation Board has a meeting to decide which name to recommend and forward to Council
- Today's meeting it is advised the Parks and Recreation Board discusses and review names submitted and come up with one or two names.
- Discussion as a group to name Community/Family Gathering Place

- Jeanne Stein Community Park came up often in submission of names due to her efforts to save and develop civic area.
- The board discussed ideas of adding Community, Gathering Place, Civic Park, in the name.
- The City may receive 1.5 million in grants for a pavilion and ice rink. The City will not know until winter if the City will receive it.
- Discussion of naming new park one name and later name the pavilion Jeanne Stein.
- Board favored Jeanne M Stein Community Park, but will wait until public hearing

Troy Family Aquatic Center Yearly Update

- Had the best year in a long time.
- Fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. We cut the season in half.
- Was very difficult to find staff again this year.
- Had to re-evaluate rate of pay and increase lifeguards \$2.00 per hour.
- HR is looking at the budget in January on rates of pay for part time.
- In the past when Red Oaks filled to capacity they sent patrons to TFAC, this year they kept capacity at 1000 so this may have contributed to more visitors.
- Weather being good this summer was also big contributor to increase in patronage.

Troy Community Center

- Senior groups are back to meeting at the Troy Community Center.
- Passes are down in numbers.
- Room rentals are down.
- New Roof done in three phases.
- New HVAC, replacing 4 units.

Member Comments

- Kelly Martin discussed she noticed other communities spending a lot of money to improve their parks and realizes some financed by community funding.
- Kelly made a motion to direct city council to increase the budget by 5 million in Parks for improvements and additional staff as a one-time increase.
- Discussion
 - Current budget is 3-3.5 million in parks.
 - Current expenditures were 2.2 million in Recreation and has been 4.5 in the past.
 - Asking for one time increase of 5 million.
 - Additional staff permanent increase.

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 9 – 002

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board wishes to direct the Troy City Council to make a one-time increase in the Parks budget by five million for improvements and additional staff.

Moved by Kelly Martin

Seconded by John Shepherd

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- John Shephard asked about the availability of reserving baseball diamonds and soccer fields, and the need to reserve so that people can make plans to go to the fields knowing they would be available.
- Pre-recession you could reserve fields. Due to loss of staff and not being able to maintain fields to excessive use we have not reserved fields since.
- Kurt Bovensiep acknowledged that staff sees the need and can look at reserving fields again.
- Tim explained how teams can reserve Troy schools reserve fields. Elementary and middle school fields are free. High school fields are \$10. Must be 60 percent troy residents on the roster.
- Travel teams have funding and can afford to pay for field use.

Staff Reports

Brian Goul

- Largest loss is in pass memberships.
- Revenue took a big hit. Went from \$120,000 to \$40,000 a month.
- Historical Society and Nature Center are now under Recreation Department.
- Goal is to work together with Historical Society and Nature Center and do events together instead of all three being separate entities.
- Fall Fest is October 2.
- Frightful 5k is October 24.
- There were more kids in day camps this year than pre-covid years.

Dennis Trantham

- New structure at Jaycee park.
- Phase 3 of trail system starting in Jaycee park.
- Tennis courts are repaved and added pickleball.
- Replaced lighting at Boulan Park and Flynn Park.
- Purchased new equipment for maintenance.
- Renovating bathrooms.
- Wants to retain people if we can get the applicants, so they would stay on 20hr per week in fall/winter 40 hr in summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Mike Brady, Chairperson

Ariel Capaldi, Recording Secretary