

EDEN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 4th, 2021

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021.

Members Present:

**Roy Fraizer
Matt Warren
Michael Yannotti
Will Nance
Ben Curtis
Judge Ed Wilson
Karla McDonald**

Members Absent:

**Dr. John Dabbs
Charlene Pettie**

Staff Present:

**Terry Vernon
Kelly Stultz
Council member, Phil Hunnicutt**

1. Meeting called to order

Ben Curtis called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

Ben Curtis made a record of everyone in attendance and established a quorum.

3. Set Meeting Agenda

Michael Yannotti made a motion to accept the agenda. Karla McDonald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Vernon presented a PowerPoint that included information on the Recreation Department's current programs, facilities and staffing levels.

The committee discussed the following items:

- **New St. Bike Trail**

Phil Hunnicutt shared with the committee that there is city owned land on New Street that could be potentially used for a mountain bike trail. Madison-Mayodan has a mountain bike trail at Ferris Park and they have had a lot of success with it. The Rivers & Trails group has a contact that builds bike trails and he has said that there is at least 6

miles of mountain bike trail there. There is grant money available for construction and the Council would like to proceed with an assessment.

- **Draper Elementary School**

Ben Curtis shared that the school system would like to sell the land and that the school goes with it. The school building needs many expensive repairs.

- **Miniature Golf**

The Committee was asked what were there thoughts concerning purchasing the miniature golf course at Freedom Park. The City has to either purchase it or discontinue the use of it.

- **Rails to Trials**

Kelly Stultz shared that a developer of the Nantucket Mill is interested in installing a trail/river walk at and around the trestle area. The developer has already completed surveys and this is a very exciting idea.

- **Boulevard Park**

Kelly Stultz shared that there is a site on The Boulevard that could be used for a pocket park similar to the ones on Washington Street in Leaksville and on Fieldcrest Road in Draper.

- **Tubing on the River**

Terry Vernon shared that he would like to start this program; Madison-Mayodan does it and they have had great success with it. The Recreation Department would rent out the tubes and the float would start at the Smith River Greenway boat ramp and end at the boat landing on Bethlehem Church Road.

- **Parks & Recreation Office Moving to the Bridge St. Recreation Center**

Terry Vernon shared that his office is moving in order to give him more contact with kids and the public. He will be moving the week of May 10th, 2021.

- **Murals at Bridge Street**

Terry Vernon shared that he is looking in to having murals painted on the outside of the Bridge Street Recreation Building where the old windows once were. He will look into finding an artist in the near future.

- **Co-ordination with other Committees**

The committee would like to work with other committees to get their input on ideas and direction on projects in the future.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 6, 2021

Matt Warren made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting. Will Nance seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Karla McDonald was assigned to the Activities Sub Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roy Fraizer made a motion to change the Committee meeting time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm, Michael Yannotti seconded, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Yannotti made a motion for adjournment. Will Nance seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgette Spence
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Parks & Recreation Advisory
Committee