Meeting minutes for 7-15-2020

Meeting Called to order at 6:35 pm. Present were Gary Reaman, Brian Burcato, Ashley Luft, Matt Sandstrom and Lindsey Hoekstra.

Public comment began with Dana Meyer who presented the Fiscal year 2020/2021 budget. A short presentation was made. Questions were asked and answered and the Board would vote on at the next meeting after it is posted on the agenda.

Consent agenda began with a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting that was seconded and voted unanimously. Motion passed. Next a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the bills payable as presented. Motion passed.

Staff report began with Ann Cobb describing the challenges of weather, natural aging of parks and volume of foot traffic to the parks. She asked that if anyone wanted any information on any of the park district’s day to day to seek her out.

Gary Reaman began Board member reports with elaborating on his original idea of a car parade and making it a car show. He suggested a donation to popcorn, water and registration. Many positive ideas and everyone felt it was a good idea. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to put together a car show for August 8, 2020 at Island Park that may include food and music. Motion passed. Next was a discussion regarding possible replacement of some of the equipment at Walnut Street Park. Mr. Sandstrom voiced dissention that the equipment was antique and solid and not in need of replacement. Mr. Sandstrom brought up the widow panel at Jed & Emma needed attention before anything at Walnut St. Mrs. Cobb had talked with some of the board members about the I-Parks recommendation to remove the slide from Walnut Street and suggested the replacement of it be with 2 of the 3 tires left that were taken from Island Park to make way for the new playground on the island. Everyone seemed to think it was a good idea. He continued to ask for volunteers to help with some of the project work that needed to be done. He asked about looking into more cameras to cover more area of the parks. It’ would be researched.

Matt Sandstrom suggested a Fall Clean up volunteer day. Late September would be a great time to plan something like that. He also asked about a contact for having park events put on the Lions Club Sign. Contact would be made with the appropriate person to get that done.

Brian Burcato commended the staff for keeping the parks in good shape and responding to urgent matters in a timely manner.

Ashley Luft asked about the movie licensing and if a less expensive option was available for the amount of movies shown by the park district. It was added to the list of research.

Lindsey Hoekstra said there was still a piece to be replaced on the merry-go-round, but the old piece was holding fine.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.