

## **Minutes**

### **Cheney Park Board Commission Regular Meeting**

**February 12, 2020**

Commissioners Attending: Tricia Hughes, Chris Babcock, Ryan Delaney, Jamie Rieth, Kelley Cullen.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe, Dan Curley, Leslie Bridges, Kassie Fauth.

Councilmembers Attending: Paul Schmidt.

Call to Order: Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written.

#### Information Items:

- A. Park Survey Questionnaire – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated the we have the results from the 2014 questionnaire and we need to create questions for the new survey. She stated she would email those results to the Park Board members along with suggested questions for the new survey in order to collect feedback for new survey questions.
- B. Spokane Parks Foundation Letter of Inquiry Acceptance – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that of the \$90,000 grant funding that is available we have been asked to submit a proposal for a grant request in the amount of \$9,000. Our proposal to apply for the grant has been accepted and if received this would apply to our outdoor camps, sport camps and specialty camps and would need to be utilized within a year. Although we did apply for additional funding for restrooms, park improvements and other items we were only approved to apply for the aforementioned categories. Terri Fortner with Spokane Parks Foundation has been very helpful in putting our proposal together. Terri also informed us that by doing a fiscal partnership agreement with them we are able to do fundraising and apply for additional grants using their 501c3 status. This would enable us to apply for funding for field upgrades to Salnave Park through the Kalispell Tribe. Councilmember Paul Schmidt stated that we would need to get the fiscal partnership agreement information to City Hall for review and approval. Councilmember Schmidt also stated that we have the funds available for park improvements through mitigation funds however we don't have the manpower to make it happen. We need someone to manage these projects as the pool study and park improvements are a priority.

Citizen Participation: None.

Action Items: Vote for Ms. Ashcroft's replacement – Commissioner Hughes introduced Mr. Chris Hoppe as an interested candidate for the vacant position. Mr. Hoppe stated that he is a long time resident of Cheney and former Cheney pool staff member, as well as an EWU alum and current staff member with the EPIC outdoor recreation programs. Commissioner Hughes asked for a vote from the Board members to have Mr. Hoppe join the Park Board Commissioners. All in favor.

Tree Board Business: None.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. Dog Park update – Commissioner Babcock reported that as of February 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a resolution for two acres at Salnave Rd/Presley Dr area for a dog park. Hopefully, City Council will approve the resolution. If it passes there are already plans for fundraising and available grant opportunities coming up in May. There is a very supportive Dog Park Board in place and they have applied for a 501c3 that will open up more funding opportunities for the dog park. Commissioner Babcock also inquired about the number of park kiosks in Cheney and where they are located. She stated she is willing to update them on a monthly basis and would like to know exactly what can and cannot be posted in the kiosks. Commissioner Cullen responded suggesting that parks and recreation programs surely need to be posted as well as other community-based events if there is space available. Commissioner Hughes also suggested to post the pool policies regarding air quality and temperature guidelines during the summer months. Commissioner Babcock also stated that if any Scouts need to do a community service project to please let her know as the Sutton Park kiosk and City signs are always in need of updates and improvements. Commissioner Hughes inquired about the downtown park projects. Councilmember Schmidt responded stating that there are no updates at this time however he will be meeting with the committee soon to discuss it.

Staff Reports:

- A. Inclusive Recreation Coordinator, Kassandra Fauth, was introduced to the Board members. She comes to us with great enthusiasm to revive interest in our adaptive community programs.
- B. Mr. Curley stated that we received a bid in the amount of \$30,000 for tennis court repairs at Hagelin Park. The school district might be able to partner with us on this as they use our tennis courts for their high school tennis program. The Hoopfest court project at Hagelin Park is still pending a response. Storm soccer will be using Centennial Park for their soccer practices so there will not be any interference with Cheney parks and recreation soccer programs at Salnave Park. Swim lesson registration opens April 20<sup>th</sup> this year and we have added another daytime and evening session. West Plains Little League has inquired if it would be possible to get some T-ball fields at the 50 acre park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

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Leslie Bridges, Administrative Clerk

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Tricia Hughes, Chairman