

Minutes

Cheney Park Board Commission Regular Meeting

August 9, 2023

Commissioners Attending: Chris Hoppe, Jackie Randall, Ryan Delaney, Ron Valencia (via phone), Savannah Youmans, Kelley Cullen.

Commissioners Absent: Christine Babcock.

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe, Ethan Olson, Leslie Bridges.

Councilmembers Attending: None.

Councilmember Absent: Paul Schmidt.

Call to Order: Kelly McGinley Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of June 14, 2023 meeting will be available for approval at the September 13, 2023 meeting.

Information Items:

- A. Dog Park Grand Opening Recap – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that the attendance for the event was around 30 people most likely due to the extremely hot weather. The Lions Club donated dog treats for the event and we served free hotdogs with lots left over. The left over hotdogs were given to the summer daycamp program Caslo. Commissioners Delaney and Babcock were in attendance for the event.
- B. Aquatic Center Vote Results – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that the vote for the new pool passed. Mr. Schuller told Ms. McGinley Ashe that he has been working with Mr. Ableman on a request for proposal to go the City Council. The goal is to start demolition on September 23rd so construction can begin in 2024 with completion by 2025. Commissioner Hoppe inquired if we have had any feedback since the vote. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that a few people complained about the expense for something that will only be used for a couple months out of the year. Commissioner Hoppe stated the he had only heard talk of the location not being at the 50 acre park.
- C. 50 Acre Park Survey Results – Commissioner Cullen reported that the architect firm has supplied the attached report for our review. There are lots of restrictions on what we can build on the property. Only a level 1 high structure would be acceptable however it can be enclosed. Commissioner Cullen reviewed the report and explained the details in more depth.
- D. Fall/Winter Brochure – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that our next brochure should be available in a week or two after the final review.

Citizen Participation: None.

Action Items: Vote for New Park Board Chair – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that Commissioner Hoppe is stepping down from the Chair position and opened the floor to any nominations. Commissioner Delaney nominated Commissioner Babcock who was not present. Commissioner Cullen suggested sending an

email to the Park Board members about the job duties before an official vote at the next meeting. Commissioner Valencia suggested a Vice Chair position to lessen the job duties for the Chair and that he would be interested in that position. Commissioner Delaney stated that he is not opposed to the Chair position. Vote will be conducted at the next meeting in September after all Park Board members review the position duties.

Tree Board Business: None.

Commissioner Reports: Mr. Hoppe asked for an update on the Parks Director search. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that she does not have any information as this time. Commissioner Valencia wanted to extend his gratitude for all the efforts put forth for the pool vote.

Staff Reports: Mr. Olson reported that adult sports are going very well. Doubles Pickleball will begin in the fall. We have received 7 sports official applications. Ms. McGinley Ashe reported that we only have 14 Echo staff hired and we need at least 25 to operate all 3 sites. Mr. Schuller has approved 40 hours per week for staff and increased the minimum rate to \$18.31 to attract more applicants. EWU is also advertising for us and we have a posting on our City website and Indeed. Commissioner Youmans stated that she would post something on Cheney Moms.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Leslie Bridges, Administrative Clerk

Recreation Director, Kelly McGinley Ashe