

Minutes
Cheney Park Board Commission
Regular Meeting via Zoom

August 11, 2021

Commissioners Attending: Chris Hoppe, Kelley Cullen, Tricia Hughes, Ryan Delaney, Savannah Youmans

Commissioners Absent: Jackie Randall, Christine Babcock

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe

Councilmembers Attending: Paul Schmidt

Call to Order: Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Minutes: Minutes of the June 6, 2021 regular meeting will be approved at the October 13th meeting.

Information Items:

- a. Pool Committee – Ms. McGinley Ashe state that a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be approved by City Council to have an organization come in to assess the pool to see what it would take to rebuild or fix the current facility. Once we get that information the pool committee will talk about options based on that report. Then we will hold public meetings to see what the Cheney Community would like in a new aquatic center. Commissioner Hughes said we should take the comprehensive survey into account and note that respondents want a pool in the current location. Councilmember Schmidt stated that the city has set aside funds in this years budget last fall for this review thinking we'd have a year or two to do this. We have ramped this up so it will be a full-blown review of the existing pool and how cost effective it would be to renovate as opposed to replace in the RFP and RFQ (request for qualifications). Rather than asking the public whatever they want, we are asking the soon-to-be consultant to do some preliminary work so we have some options to comment on. Councilmember Schmidt also noted that since most survey respondents want the pool in the current location we will not look at other locations unless that comes out as a need. Council gave the green light for the mayor's office to advertise the RFP/RFQ. Submittals are due September to October. The consultant will provide the platform for public input. Everyone will have well-advertised locations for public input. Anything financially significant will need to go out with a general obligation bond which the property owners of the city would be asked to pay for aquatic improvements. Councilmember Schmidt also discussed what we will do in the interim for our young people in swim lessons and aquatic recreation since a new pool will not be in place by next year.
- b. Dog Park updates –
- c. SEEK Award – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that the recreation department was awarded \$40,595 for Camp CASLO costs to cover, staff costs, supplies, equipment, and more. This is a reimbursable award.

Citizen Participation – None

Action Items:

- a. Top priorities for Park Mitigation Funds – To be discussed after further review

Tree Board Business – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that a local Girl Scout Troop regularly meets in Centennial Park and wanted to give back to the park by planting a tree or two. Ms. McGinley Ashe cleared it with Lucky Fitzner and she met with the Girl Scout Leader to show her where the tree can be planted. It can be planted in the back corner nearest to the community garden.

Board Member Reports –

Staff Reports –

Adjourn – Commissioner Cullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, Commissioner Babcock seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Kelly McGinley Ashe, Recreation Director

Tricia Hughes, Chairwoman