

City of Becker – Parks & Recreation Department
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of the February 27, 2023 - Meeting @ BCC

Present: Truda Lovett(Citizen Member), Ben Johnson (Citizen Member), Kevin Krenz (Citizen Member), Mike Doering (Council Rep.), Josh Kuha (Rec. & Leisure Services Dir.), Bartt Gevens (Rec. Services Mgr.), Chris Lisson, Julie Krenz (BCC Admin. Support Spec.)

Truda called the meeting to order at 5:41pm. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. Minutes from the September meeting still need to be approved.

Guest Presenter

Ben shared information on the Becker Youth Baseball Associations BAC field addition proposal to the committee and shared information on why the BYBA feels that changes are needed for more baseball fields as they struggle with finding field space. The main points that he touched on were, More Players, Increased Demand from Existing Teams, a Shift in Family Culture, Survey Feedback and Field Utilization. He separated the proposal into three different phases with Phase 1 & 2 being finished first. Funding would be split between the City, BYBA and a Twins Grant (tentative). BYBA should know if they receive the Twins grant by the end of March.

2023 Parks Discussion

Josh led the discussion on the Community Park Phased Buildout. There is \$175,000 in Parkland Dedication funds for this project from the Avalon Estates development next the BCC. Looking to add a 60' x 40' pavilion with bathrooms, changing rooms and light concessions, play equipment, shade structures, and a beach with sand. Josh is working with the school tech program to build a shed for the BCC as well. Josh spoke on replacing the fencing around the BASC outside area with dark wood railing fencing and potential branding on the outside of the BASC.

Programming Update

Bartt shared information on the Kolbinger Park Warming House. Good usage of the Warming House and rink this season.

Good turnout for the Kali Glow - Sledding Event at City Park on 2/17/23.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is Saturday, April 1st.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20th @ 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.