

City of Becker – Parks & Recreation Department
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Meeting @ BCC

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

Truda called the meeting to order at 5:33pm. Minutes from the February were not approved yet. Only two board members present that were at the last meeting.

Becker Youth Baseball

Kevin asked about the spraying of weeds at the BAC. Josh shared that it was complete as of today. Bathrooms are fully operational as of today.

Mike mentioned that he had complaints last year about visitors bringing beer into the BAC. There was discussion about this topic. Josh mentioned that signs could be added with a number to the police non-emergency line on it. A talk with Brent would also be an option. Since the BAC is a city park, no alcohol would be in the city code.

Kevin brought up discussion on alcohol sales for amateur baseball games. They would need a license to sell. This discussion may be revisited in the future.

Bartt shared that a shed by the playground area at the BAC has been added. This will be used by coach pitch and t-ball in the summer. These teams will re-locate their equipment in the Fall so that football may use the shed in the Fall.

Kevin shared that he thought that each field at the BAC should have a cage of some sort to store rakes, hoses etc, so that coaches wouldn't not have to access the utility room. Chris will check on the cost for this.

Parks Discussion

Money left for parkland dedication. Carl E. Johnson Park has no shade or tables. Josh would like to add canopies to add shade to the park. There was discussion on whether the canopies should be left up or taken down in the winter. The total amount of the canopies is a little over \$9,000.

Liberty Paper donated \$2500 to the city for purpose of the installation of a drinking fountain at the BAC. Plaque will be made to show that LPI was a donor.

Chris left the meeting at 6pm due to a prior commitment.

BCC Greenspace

Name of the BCC Greenspace was proposed by Josh to be 'Community Park'. A sign for the park would have the business donor's names on the 4' x 8' two-sided sign. There was conversation about the greenspace name. Truda brought up the name of 'Community Partners Park'. For City to staff continue with this project, Mike motioned and Truda seconded it.

Kolbinger Park Parking Issues

Discussion about citizens parking in the Kolbinger Park parking lot during games at the school fields. This is an issue due to rentals of the park shelter. Commission agrees that there should be signage and that the City should move forward with signage.

BCC Rec Room

The BCC is very close to opening up the BCC Rec Room in the old rockwall area. The new soft seating is all here and looks great. Paint & electrical are all done in the rec. room. Flooring will be done on 5/1/22. The games will be installed on 5/25 & 5/26. New tables and chairs have been ordered as well and should be here soon. The BCC will start marketing and enjoying the space in the very near future.

The BCC will be re-landscaping the front entrance area and should be done by the Thursday of Freedom Days week. The BCC is looking to do an open house for the community to come in and see the new updated spaces and to hopefully bring people in that have not been here before. Discussion about doing a 'ribbon cutting' for the new rec. room

The BCC is back to pre-covid numbers and is doing a May Membership promo.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20th @ 5:30pm. Truda adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.