

**BELLE PLAINE PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 18, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.**

The Belle Plaine Park Board met in Regular Session on Monday, July 18, 2016 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota. Chair Chris Kehr called the meeting to order a 5:00 p.m. with Commissioners Rachel Kelm, Kathy Joerg and Ben Stier present. Also present were Council liaison Cary Coop and Interim City Administrator Dawn Meyer. Commissioner Liann Hanson and Council Liaison Mike Pingalore were not present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Coop, second by Kehr, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of June 20, 2016.**

MOTION by Coop, second by Kehr, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 20, 2016. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. TREASURERS REPORT.**

**4.1. 2016 Park Fund Budget Update.**

The 2016 Park Fund Budget update will be presented at the next Park Board meeting.

**5. Request to Place Ad by Cambria on Existing Scoreboard at Tiger Park.**

Interim City Administrator Meyer explained the City has received a request from Cambria to have an ad placed on the Belle Plaine Tigers Park scoreboard. Cambria is proposing to have their logo on one of the panels as an acknowledgment of their recent donation of countertops installed at the refurbished restrooms at Union Square. The City's logo is currently on two advertising panels and if approved, Cambria would retain one and the City logo would remain on the other. At the time of purchase of the scoreboard, the Belle Plaine Baseball Association was given the authority to seek and place ads and they will be involved in the process. It is appropriate for the Park Board to weigh-in on the request prior to Council action and direction. Staff is seeking a quote from a local sign company to re-paint the panels to accommodate the request. The cost of the repainted ad would be expended from the General Government budget.

Council Liaison Coop explained the City paid for a majority of the cost associated with the scoreboard that was installed in 2014. It was his understanding the Belle Plaine Baseball Association sold advertising to allow for further enhancements that were optional on the electronic scoreboard. Coop expressed concern for allowing an advertising panel to be given to Cambria. He commented that there have been many other companies or entities making donations of a larger scale, such as the Mdwakanton Sioux Community which donated \$150,000 to the City. Joerg commented that because the Cambria logo has been placed on the countertops, it is not necessary to provide an advertising panel. She believed the advertising panel would be better served by giving it to another local business. Coop inquired about the length of term for the advertising panels. Interim City Administrator Meyer responded that she believes there is a 5-year period, indicating the advertising panels would be up for renewal in 2019. Coop suggested a policy be adopted. Kelm and Stier supported the request by Cambria, subject to approval by the Belle Plaine Baseball Association. Stier commented that he believes the request by Cambria is valid due to their donation. Kelm commented that it is important to keep good will between the City and Cambria. Coop commented that he does not support the City paying for advertising for a company.

Interim City Administrator Meyer explained that ultimately it will be the Council's decision with a recommendation from the Belle Plaine Baseball Association and Park Board.

MOTION by Stier, second by Kelm, to recommend the replacement of one of the City's advertising panels on the Union Square scoreboard for the Cambria logo, subject to approval by the Belle Plaine Baseball Association, with no cost expended from the Park Board fund. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commissioners departed from the Council Chambers at 5:24 p.m.

## **6. PARK TOURS.**

### **Library Vacant Land (125 West Main).**

The Commissioners viewed the vacant lot adjacent to the library at 125 West Main Street. Coop suggested new landscaping and grass be planted. He suggested a concrete walk way, benches and game tables to serve as a gathering spot for librarian patrons and the general public. Stier suggested a splash pad be installed and will obtain information from the City of Cologne. The Commissioners believed it was important to learn about future library expansion plans.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have each member come up with ideas. This topic will be added to next month's agenda.

### **Old Tennis Courts (Market and Prairie).**

The Commissioners view the tennis courts owned by the School District located at Prairie Street and Market Street. The green coating is in disarray. The deep crevices make it difficult to use as a viable tennis court. Coop advised that the Public Works Superintendent said the bituminous is in fair condition. The green coating can be removed. Coop also explained that the School District is contemplating a land swap. The City would obtain the parcel of land that contains the tennis courts and the School District would receive the parcel with the recreational ice rink in return. Coop noted that if the tennis courts become property of the City, it would provide a good location for a splash pad. Joerg noted that the tennis courts could easily accommodate the popular Pickle Ball.

## **7. ADJOURN.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings  
Recording Secretary