

**BELLE PLAINE PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Park Board met in Regular Session on Monday, March 18, 2019 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN Commissioner Ryan Herrmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with Commissioner Lucas Simonson, Liann Hanson Chris Kehr and Patricia Krings were present.

Also present were Council Liaison Stier, Coop, and City Administrator Meyer.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Park Board Member Patricia Krings.

Chair Herrmann administered the Oath of Office to Patricia Krings.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 19, 2019.

MOTION BY Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Hanson, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 19, 2019. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Park Fund 205 Budget Update.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Kehr, to approve the Treasurers Report. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. Clarifying position on Tax Forfeiture Property PID: 200850420.

City Administrator Meyer explained the City received notification last year regarding an abutting property to Robert Creek that is going into land forfeiture. The property is set to go to auction May 15 unless the owner redeems the land. Meyer explained the recommendation from the park board last year was to take the land and combine with the current Robert Creek Park. Meyer requests clarification on a recommendation to move forward with the purchase of the land. Meyer noted a private individual has expressed interest in purchasing the land. Meyer also explained when the sledding hill was purchased it was done so for a small assessment value, the land must remain for public use with this option.

Commissioner Krings confirmed her opinion of the forfeiture property being a good acquisition. Krings inquired if staff view any negatives to acquiring the property. City Administrator Meyer explained expansion of Robert Creek was discussed at depth noting the flat area may serve as picnic area, hiking, and parking area. Meyer noted not tax revenue would be collected if the City obtains the property. Commissioner Herrmann inquired if the land is buildable. Meyer explained staff have concern on the buildability of the land however noted some view it is. Commissioner Simonson noted a 30 ft. drop off on the property. Meyer cited the public works department requested the land for access reasons.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Coop to recommend acquiring the tax forfeiture property PID: 200850420 on a small assessment payment. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5.2. Continued Discussion on Park Board Projects and Priorities.

City Administrator Meyer explained at the February meeting discussion was held regarding old plans and reviewing proprieties. Meyer explained a Hickory Park Concept plan was handed out before the meeting. Meyer noted Park Board listed Hickory Park as a high priority, explaining if the Board supports the concept plan it be before the Council tonight for review. Meyer explained the Public Works Committee reviewed the plan and recommended concept plan two. Meyer noted a possible need for moving the hockey and skating rinks from school property and the upgrade needs. Meyer explained the concept shows a regulation size hockey rink with new boards, warming house, restrooms, Zamboni storage, water for people and pets along with a curbed skating rink.

Commissioner Herrmann inquired if there is any issue with the hockey rink going right up to the property line. Council Liaison Coop inquired if a fence would be installed to keep pucks within the rink. Meyer noted no issue with the rink going to the property line and explained protective netting is installed behind the goal area. Herrmann commented on the distance to the playground once moved and wonders how far down the road a second rink would be. Meyer explained as hockey expands the need for additional ice will be brought forward. Meyer noted the playground is easily relocated in the case of expanding the skating rink to a second full size hockey rink. Council Liaison Coop mentioned a potential problem with the gate for the dog park entrance. Meyer explained a path will be made between the rink and the basketball area and the gate will be moved to the west side of the dog park. Commissioner Krings inquired on how far the project could move forward in 2019. Meyer explained if supported, City Council will order plans and specifications and allow staff to work with an architect to create a warming house. If approved staff would look to bid the project by August. Krings suggested adding some verbiage identifying the park as a sports park. Commissioner Kehr inquired if the rinks would have a concrete bottom. Meyer confirmed the rinks would have a concrete bottom with the ability for summer use. Council Liaison Coop inquired if community recreation would continue to run the rinks once built. Meyer explained that discussion would be done at the staff level if the facility is built. Herrmann inquired if the warming house would need to be supervised and if the Hockey Association would help with the facility. Meyer explained supervision would be discussed at a later time and noted City employees only would supervise for liability purposes. Council Liaison Stier inquired on parking. Meyer explained parking could be expanded in the future if needed and noted parking is also available along Orchard street.

MOTION by Commissioner Hanson, second by Commissioner Krings to support Concept plan 2 for Hickory Park. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Krings noted the utilization of space to the max.

Meyer explained she is in the process of creating a spreadsheet incorporating the 2019 priority items and bill bring to Park Board for review prior to submitting to City Council for review. Council Liaison Coop requested the addition of Riverview Climbing Park to the priorities list. Commissioner Krings requested Coop further explain the climbing park. Coop explained a park with climbing statues. Meyer noted staff will research and bring back to Park Board.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Council Liaison Coop, to add climbing structures to the priorities list. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator Meyer explained the City Council will review a resolution to approve the Pickle ball courts up to \$35,000.00 with construction this summer dependent on weather. Meyer also noted the City is waiting on a response from the Mdewakanton Sioux application process for a trail grant that would pay almost 100% in connection trails. Commissioner Simonson inquired how large the grant is. Meyer explained Meyer explained an additional \$100,000.00 is up to be awarded.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

6.1. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Krings requested an additional column for status of projects. City Administrator Meyer confirmed part of what Administrative Assistant Eyrich and she are working on ongoing updates on a product list. Krings requested future discussion on park signs and weather to keep them the same or phase out into something else. Commissioner Kehr inquired if staff have contacted the MN Wild for funding of a hockey rink. Meyer confirmed she has researched funding noting staff will not move forward until after cost estimates come back. Commissioner Coop inquired the Public Works persons status for Park Review. Meyer explained currently flooding is the main concern and maintenance will continue as the spring progresses. Commissioner Herrmann spoke of a recent visit to Kerfoot Canopy Tours outside of Henderson and suggested signage noting amenities within Belle Plaine. Commissioner Simonson inquired when the last adjustment was made to the annual allotment to the Park Board. Meyer explained in 2004 when the a contract was negotiated leaving \$22,500.00 returning the general budge it was allocated to the Park Board in the foresight that when the building bomb slows the Board would have money for expansions.

6.2. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Next Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM, Monday, April 15, 2019.

Commissioners were reminded of upcoming meetings as listed.

7. Adjourn.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Stier to adjourn at 5:50 PM. ALL VOTE AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary