



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - April 27, 2022
3. Presentation - None
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Discussion on Pickleball Proposal
 - B. Update on Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail
 - C. Lyndale Trail Update
 - D. Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Ribbon Cutting
7. New Business
 - A. New Community Center Discussion
 - B. Waupacuta Playground Options
 - C. Discussion on Pollinators, Bee Gardens - Environmental Commission
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: September 28, 2022
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Caron, Chad Kreager and Mark Fuchs. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUESTS: Linda Mitchell, Mary Richie and Barry Shaffer.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Troy at 6:07 p.m.
- 2) Presentation - Pickleball: Barry Shaffer presented information on behalf of a pickleball committee that formed for the purpose of getting more pickleball courts in Faribault. Some discussions at their meetings included that pickleball is an amazingly fast-growing sport and there is a need for court clustering to allow many players to play at the same time and at different levels of play. In their meetings, they also reviewed the quality and quantities of Faribault's outdoor and indoor courts. Barry discussed their preference to expand indoor courts due to year-round weather but they also have both outdoor and indoor expansion ideas. More courts would also provide for more time for people to learn to play pickleball. Four recommendations were reviewed for expanding the number of pickleball courts in Faribault. Cost to play pickleball at local venues varies. For example, it is \$5.00 in Apple Valley and at the facility by Cabelas in Owatonna it is \$10 to join their association and \$30 per month or simply \$8 per time if not a member of the association. The Owatonna pickleball association then rents the facility for play time. They also hold two tournaments to supplement the cost of the renting the facility. Paul stated the City of Faribault is in the early stages of possibly building a new community center and those plans include six (6) indoor pickleball courts. The plans also include outdoor basketball and pickleball courts near the new community center. Board discussed options and will look at short-term suggestions for more pickleball courts.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mike, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of March 30, 2022, as corrected. Motion passed.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Custodial Engineer: Al Twaites was offered and accepted the position of maintenance engineer for the City. This position was vacant due to Doug Knutson's retirement.
 - b) Softball Tournament: Corky's Earlybird Softball Tournament will be held in Owatonna and Faribault next weekend.
 - c) North Alexander Park Road Project: Reconstruction of the road through North Alexander Park will begin on Monday, May 2, and continue through the month of May.
 - d) Community Garden: The new community garden location will be on the north side of the Faribault Family Aquatic Center in North Alexander Park.
 - e) Prairie Park: Paul reported some local residents have requested a layout change of the amenities at Prairie Park. This will be reviewed at a later date.
- 5) Requests to be Heard:
- 6) Old Business:

- a) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Paul stated both Representative Daniels and Senator Jasinski have submitted bonding requests for the Northern Links trail.
 - b) Lyndale Trail Update: Paul reported they are still waiting for a signed agreement from the DNR regarding the Lyndale Trail. All information was submitted to them but the signed agreement is needed prior to going out to bid for the project.
 - c) Arbor Day Event: This year's Arbor Day event will be on Saturday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. at Meadows Park. Plantings will be dedicated to Ardis Sundwall, a founding member of the GROWS group.
 - d) Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Ribbon Cutting: Rice County Historical Society is hosting a Fleckenstein weekend celebration in August called Fleckstravaganza. They requested the ribbon cutting for the new park be held on Saturday, August 20, to coincide with that weekend celebration.
 - e) Community Center Construction Updates: Construction projects at the Community Center are going well. The HVAC units should be done the end of next week so the pool can reopen. The basketball hoops in the gym were finished today. The lockerroom floors are done and the tiles in the showers and bathrooms have been repaired. Lola asked about increased lighting in the gym due to covering up the skylights. Staff will review to determine if additional lighting is needed.
- 7) New Business: Nothing new to report.
- 8) Other:
- a) Pickleball Courts at the Armory: While the FCC gym floors are refinished, the armory will be rented for open pickleball play Monday through Friday mornings. It does cost more as we must pay rent and also have staff on site. We will continue discussions regarding the availability of the armory for future open pickleball times.
 - b) Garfield Park: Garfield Park is being used quite heavily on Sunday and Wednesday nights with cars parked on the grass and/or basketball court and litter not picked up. Board discussed posting signs, charging a fine or getting crews in to pick up the litter. Paul stated personnel could monitor the parking as well as work with the people regarding picking up their litter.
 - c) Outdoor Skating Park and Youth Activities: Board discussed hearing residents talk about a possible outdoor skating park in Faribault. Board discussed if it would be utilized. Owatonna has one in Morehouse Park and Northfield may have just closed theirs. Board also discussed youth activities in Faribault in the future such as a public game room. Paul mentioned a game room for youth is proposed in the new community center plan.
- 9) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, at Buckham West.
- 10) Motion was made by Lola, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant

Waupacuta Park (Option 1) Faribault, MN



Waupacuta Park (Option 2) Faribault, MN



Waupacuta Park (Option 3) Faribault, MN

