



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26,
2022**

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - October 27, 2021
3. Recognize Outgoing Board Member
4. Presentation - BMX
5. Director's Report
6. Requests to be Heard
7. Old Business
 - A. Update on Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail
 - B. Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Amenities
 - C. Parkland Dedication Changes Approved in December
 - D. Update on Hometown Hero Banners
8. New Business
 - A. Elections in February
 - B. Playground Upgrade in Waupacuta Park
 - C. Holiday Decorations
 - D. Roof Replacement on Buckham Center
9. Other
10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
11. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sarah Caron, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum, Elsie Slinger and Troy Temple. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks & Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUESTS: Jesse Armbruster, Jan Bresnehan, and Barry Shaffer.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mike, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of September 22, 2021. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation:
 - a) Plaque Request at Softball Complex – Jesse Armbruster: Jesse presented a proposal to place a plaque at North Alexander Park in recognition of the 2018 State Softball Championship Team. It would be a 20 x 24 bronze plaque and would be placed on the side of the concession stand facing North Alexander Field #4 where the team played their home games. They will be fundraising to pay for the plaque at an approximate cost of \$2,800 but are asking for approval prior to fundraising. Jesse presented photos showing a proposal of what the plaque would look like and where it would be placed on the building. The Parks Department could assist with installation of the plaque. Motion made by Troy, seconded by Mike to approve the request to install a plaque on the concession building at North Alexander Park recognizing the 2018 State Softball Championship Team and the Parks Department will assist with installation if needed. Motion passed.
 - b) Pickleball Request – Barry Shaffer: Barry presented a request on behalf of the Faribault pickleball players advocating for the addition of multiple pickleball courts within the City of Faribault. Barry discussed pickleball basics and its phenomenal growth over the past few years. A survey was sent to pickleball players and 57 responses were received indicating a desire for an indoor and/or outdoor multicourt location of six or more courts. Barry stated six or eight courts would be sufficient for a tournament. Board discussed possible locations with Barry for courts with considerations including: the need for minimal wind, distancing courts from residential areas due to noise, the need for lighting, goose droppings on outdoor courts and possible inclusion with other facilities/amenities. Paul suggested they form a committee to come up with a proposal for the City. Barry said they could form a committee to look into more details of their request. Paul presented pictures showing the size of six pickleball courts would be approximately the size of three tennis courts. The cost for two pickleball courts at Meadows Park was approximately \$20,000 plus added costs for items such as benches, fencing and sidewalks.
 - c) Director's Report:
 - a) Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) Award: Paul shared an award received by the Faribault Parks & Recreation Department from MRPA for the Hometown Holiday Drive-By Tree Display. This is a statewide recognition for "setting a standard of excellence in the field of recreation, parks and leisure services". Paul will share the award with City Council at their next meeting.

- b) Prairie Park: At last night's meeting, Council approve the purchase and installation of the Prairie Park playground. It will be ordered with plans to install the playground in the spring of 2022. The parking lot for the park will be completed at a later date.
 - c) Hometown Holiday: Hometown Holiday will be held Thursday, December 2. Santa will be on the plaza in front of the library, horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered, games and crafts for children will be offered and music will be provided. The fire truck will bring Santa down Central Avenue to the Buckham Center.
 - d) Bell Field: Lakers Baseball is fundraising to replace the scoreboard at Bell Field prior to the state tournament next year. Board asked about the proposed building along the first base line at Bell Field and Paul stated they are not continuing with those plans. However, they may put in a small deck by the third base line.
- d) Requests to be Heard: None.
- e) Old Business:
- a) Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Update: Paul reported the building and overlook foundations are complete. Healy Construction is waiting for materials for both to continue with construction. The City is working with Xcel Energy to install a new pole on the western side of the parking lot and also to install underground wiring to the new building.
 - b) Viaduct Park Update: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Hometown Hero Banner Program: The first twenty banners are being printed and will be hung starting at the intersection of 2nd Avenue NW and 4th Street NW. Banners will be hung continuing to the west with every other banner being the blue City of Faribault banners. Hometown Hero Banners can be replaced every six months as new banners are purchased. When banners are taken down, they will be given to the purchaser.
- 10) New Business:
- a) Parkland Dedication Proposal: Currently take parkland dedication from developer when land is developed and then also when building is done on the land. Removing surcharge on development of land. Paul reviewed plan is going to 7% of raw land for parkland but for cash are proposing \$1,000 per family unit. Multi family dwellings would be \$500 for first 20, \$400 20-50 and \$300 any over 50 units. Parkland dedication funds. Commercial and industrial would be 4% of land and \$1,000 per acre less wetlands. Need to build in some type of inflation into the schedule yet and get approved by City attorney. Working thru with City Council, going to Planning Commission for review/approval, then two levels thru City Council and want to get done by the end of the year. Working with Dave Wanberg to get ordinances rewritten with City attorney assistance and then presented for approval. Lola asked about going to higher percentages and Paul stated that is an option for the future but probably not time to get approved by end of the year to change percentages at this time. Do not want to review and revise each year so want it built in for inflation. Going forward, if land is redeveloped, working thru additional charges call redevelopment if replatted. Important if redeveloped from industrial or commercial to apartments and there is a need for parks.
- 11) Other:

- a) Teepee Tonka Park Tunnel: Elsie reported there is more vandalism at Teepee Tonka Park Tunnel with holes in the walls, damaged lights and dents on both tunnel signs
 - b) Wapacuta Park: Lola asked about work being done at Wapacuta Park. Paul stated the tornado took out trees along the park so staff is working to taper the steep slope with dirt so it can be mowed.
- 12) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021, which is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Meeting will not be held that night. The December meeting is scheduled for December 22 and can be held if needed. Otherwise, the next meeting will be held January 24, 2022.
- 13) Motion was made by Elsie, seconded by Henry to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant