

Huxley Park Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2008

Meeting Started 6:05pm

Roll Call

John Ronca

Stacey Noe

Russ Jones

Bill Whistler

Traci Carney

Sara Hillebrand

Staff present: Josh Larson, Cory Shearer

Public: Karen Hadaway, Mark Baker

Minutes approved

Update on Ames Tobacco Free Task force presented by Tom Flack. Review on Iowa Senate law. Huxley is waiting on Iowa legislation and waiting to move forward to be tobacco free. He presented smoke free guides.

Discussion of Centennial Park phase 2. Josh tentatively plans to meet with Shive and city staff to go over and finish last items to finish phase one next week. Construct can receive last payment after completion.

Discussion of Future of Shive Hattery proceeding with us after phase 1. Needing to take care of the grading and water problems should be our first priority. Mark Baker expressed concerns of punch items not fully finished and now in the charge of an engineer in training. Russ talked of the 07 portions still not finished. \$78,000.00 was completed. It was brought up that we have an engineering firm that did not take into account the drainage problem that has now occurred. Engineer should have been to council and board to let us know considerations and concerns of drainage. In February Shive Hattery did put blame toward contractor in drainage problems. Cory interjected information of drainage concerns brought on by Jensen not finishing correctly their part of the deal. Board wondered if Craig or other company could come out more often and not just the end of it. Board would be more comfortable. If we follow the plan and get the drainage taken care of this year, when will the pond be built? Will we have enough dirt for the soccer fields? John would like the opportunity to talk with Craig.

Russ Jones moved to defer to city council, John wanted to recommend to council to look for another entity to help us with this project. We are aware of their concerns and will be willing to look for another company to help us to complete this project. Moving forward as quickly as possible to do the job well. Motion John, Second Russ. Bill opposed.

Baker interjected there are companies that may not charge to get up to speed. There should be in the contract, stipulations pertaining to how often the project should be reviewed.

Update on winter weekend hours – approved. New activities will be able to increase hopefully increasing revenue.

Spring lawn care. Application, size, amounts of areas of each park were discussed through Jeff and contract was then signed and approved. They will set up a date to apply.

Group cycling proposal may not be brought to next Tuesdays council work session. It will be on hold for a future date.

Russ brought a question, about additional pb members. Josh informed us the city attorney was asked to bring back a proposal. Russ wanted the board to know that he has concern about persons not paying taxes to the city may have a say in the proposals of our city. Discussed the high school student would live within the city limits. Josh said we are currently taking applications for those positions. Stacy also had questioned why this didn't come to vote by Park Board.

Budget was approved. Recreation budget increased. Salaries decreased. Seasonal parttime staff approved. Summer camp director Kathy DeRoose hired. Deb Thompson will start part-time in city hall while position is being hired for city hall.

Prairie Festival August 23-24. Parade route should be the stay the same. If any problems occur, Tracy and Josh will take care of it. After concerns met, letters will be sent out for parade entrants.

HBA business fair next Saturday 11-2. Senior luncheon Monday, Community meeting of Little League, Ballard Soccer Club, Slater Park and Rec. here next Monday 6:30pm. Hero meeting next Tuesday at 7

Sunday mar 23rd closed. Hershey track meet April 5th at 5:30. Spring iowa p and r conference is in Council Bluffs. Community Night Baseball will be held April *****\$13 include trip and ticket. Bike safety month is in May a combine bike safety check and ride will take place with the police department.

Seven grants – in the works 3 due April first.

Copy handed out of revenue and expenses.

Meeting adjourned 8pm