

Huxley Park Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2008
Meeting Started 6:05pm

Roll Call

John Ronca -no
Stacey Noe -no
Russ Jones -yes
Bill Whistler -yes
Traci Carney -no
Sara Hillebrand -yes
Veronica McGee -yes

Staff present: Josh Larsen
Public: Cory Beauchamp, Bre McCubbin

Minutes approved-motion Veronica, second Sara

Non-Agenda items:

It was brought up that at one time the Huxley Business Association wanted to put an evergreen tree up in front of the 3C building beside the high school. Josh will talk to J. Ronca about the information of why not pertaining to the school. Veronica recalled that at the time the request was turned down it was a no from tree board and school.

Berhow sidewalk: Discussion that Jeff will bring back quotes sticking to the original plan of the park. He found the original plans so as not to move sidewalk behind housing and/or into a parking lot.

Discussion/Action of tobacco free policy in parks; Bill requested to correct wording to public request. Russ motioned to include 'grounds: to facilities. Russ motioned, Sara second. Veronica opposed, Bill abstained. Motion tabled until May meeting.

Little league agreement: Josh presented draft. He will update information and sit down with Little League to work out an agreement.

Tree plantings: Cory Beauchamp updated the board on-
- the street tree ordinance now allowing specific plantings in the areas between sidewalk and street.

-asked the board to approve planting of pecan seedling along the new driveway. That tree was chosen because of its strength, to increase diversity and sustainability. Russ motioned to approve. Veronica second. Tree Board will plant 4/19/2008.

Review and discussion of centennial park submissions:

Josh posed questions of how can spring soccer and baseball all coexist.
Russ has been asked by many citizens as to how many soccer fields will fit. Little League is growing as a pace of 12-13% per year which is increasing the need for more fields. Little League does NOT allow removable fences. This greatly inhibits the amount of U6 or U8 fields/outfield.

Is it time to rethink all of our parks before continuing?

What are the thoughts of the Council on 8 acres on the corner of Cedar and Timberlane?

*8 proposals handed out:

Josh's comments:

RDG originally submitted a proposal. They have the name to back up the work. Increased quality

also means increased cost.

Nillis and Assoc. of Ankeny definitely interested

Brian Clark and Assoc. currently doing a similar project on the south side of Coralville.

Genus is the smallest staff group that applied. They do 10 - 12 projects per year. They seem very creative and out of the box.

Snyder and Assoc. said no-they would like to continue to be the cities 'double check'.

Bre's comments: review which companies look for grants and who may help with that.

Next meeting April 30,6pm strategic planning is priority.