

## Swisher Parks and Recreation Meeting

May 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ed Kringle

Roll Call: Ed, Mitch and Brad

Meeting Minutes were read and approved

Citizens present: Kody Pudil

Business:

- a. Business Sponsorship – Kody Pudil presented a sample of what he was thinking for getting sponsorships for the ball field on some banners to be hung as you come into town and on the ball field. They would be for Fun Days, and other times that there was a big tournament at the ball field. Discussion was had about how we could blend the sponsors for the Youth teams as well as the big banner sponsors around the ballfield so that we were not trying to compete with each other for the same sponsors. Discussion was also had about asking Tracy Griffin if she would be able to make the banners when we figured out exactly what we were asking for sponsorship levels. Mitch is going to put together a document with sponsorship levels and details for the June meeting.
- b. Building the Dugout Shelters at Castek Park – Concrete was not poured yet as of the meeting time. Kody and the Parks Board discussed what the dugouts should kind of look like. Discussion was had about setting up a day to build the shelter part of the dugouts. Then the question was had about maybe not being able to have a Community Volunteer build day because of liability, but then it was brought up that there were members of the community that helped build the shade structure over the Downtown Park. Kody stated that he had talked to Justin from Public Works that he would get prices on materials. It was also stated that we need to pick one design and stick with it or nothing will ever get accomplished.
- c. Decide Whom will Coordinate the Youth Recreation Sports Programs in the Future – Brad's term is up at the end of the year and he is trying to plan ahead with who will be able to take over the Youth Sports Programs so that all the hard work and success of the last few years doesn't end with his term. Discussion was said that when new person is appointed that it would be a part of their duty. As well as maybe having another person helping them so that it isn't overwhelming to either person. Discussion was also had about maybe needing to hire another part time person for the City that would be solely responsible for making sure that the fields are ready to go for each practice/game day as well as general field and restroom maintenance and cleaning.
- d. Reap Grant Opportunity – Parks looked at the application for the REAP grant, and while we would love to try and get in on the grant, we will not be able to apply since how we want to use the money is not allowed under this particular grant.
- e. Update on Youth Sports Program – Brad said that the number of kids registered for baseball is down a little bit. Brad also said that he is toying around with the idea of an option of being able to register as a team, or let them pick teams/coach. He doesn't feel that there are enough kids that would be trying to get on one particular team that they would stack the team just to win all

the time, since this is such a recreational league and most of the kids are all still learning. It would be a way for the kids that want to be with their best friends be together, or work with a coach that they have had and really liked. Those that don't specify a preference would be assigned a team that needs filled out. Brad also said that he will be going shopping soon for some new helmets and other equipment for this year. He also said that he is going to be stressing to the coaches that they use the pitching machine that was purchases last year to be used on the older kids rather than coach pitch.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm