

CITY OF SWISHER  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
October 29, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Parks & Rec members at Swisher City Hall.

Attendees: Carl Spoerl, Gary Hovey, Ed Kringle and Maureen Shanahan

Absent: Rodney McNeal and Tracy Guenther

There were no citizens present at this meeting.

Tennis Court & Basketball Hoops: An email was shared from a concerned citizen about the removal of the tennis courts at the park. Another email was shared regarding free for the taking skate park ramps. There would be significant logistics of getting the skate park ramps to Swisher (cranes both in LeMars and in Swisher, cost of miles, cost of time etc.) There was also discussion on possibly keeping the tennis court and basketball hoops and putting the skate ramps in the area where the old waterball games took place. This is a paved area by the courts. The members do think that updated hoops, tennis net & posts are a definite. No hard and fast decision was made at this time. Carl is going to do some measuring and we will discuss at next meeting.

Several trees at Castek Park are needing to be removed. Does anyone know if the tree between the concession stand and the park shelter was donated to the park by someone?

The tree gets very dirty different times of the year and maintenance would like to see it removed if possible. If was ok'd by Parks & Rec and will be brought to the City Council for approval.

Laura Hoover met with Parks & Rec members to discuss proper grant submittal. The trail grant was not approved and Laura had many suggestions on ways to improve writing the next one (July of 2020). It was also suggested that we propose to the city council of contracting to Tim with HR Green. They would supply the needed expertise in making a strong report.

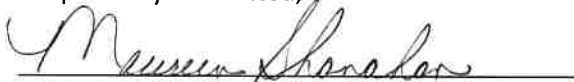
Members will bring ideas to the next meeting regarding a mini grant opportunity. This will need to be submitted before 1-31-2020 and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion on covering for the small park next to city hall. The Swisher Men's Club has graciously committed to helping with this project. They have gotten an estimate from a company that would put up a permanent shelter. This will submitted at the next meeting and will be discussed more at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next meeting is scheduled for 11-26-2019

Respectfully Submitted,



Maureen Shanahan, Parks & Rec Board Member