

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
APRIL 26, 2018 MINUTES

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Park & Recreation Member Rodney McNeal at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa.

Park & Recreation Commission Members Present: Ed Kringle, Rodney McNeal, Tracy Guenther, Maureen Shanahan. **Absent:** Gary Hovey.

Citizens Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek.

Agenda/Minutes: Motion by McNeal, seconded by Guenther to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes unless otherwise noted. **Absent:** Hovey. McNeal will present minutes of October 25 and December 17, 2017 at next meeting for approval.

Business:

Budget: City Clerk/Finance Officer Kakacek presented and explained the current and next year budgets.

Update on Castek Park Matching Donations Program: Kakacek noted total of all donations including the matching donor was \$2,775.00. The funds were used to install drinking fountain, waterline, curb stop, sinks, mirrors and other park improvements. After discussion, Shanahan will do thank you and post around town listing all the donors. Kakacek will send her list of donors.

Sponsors Signs Update: After discussion, McNeal will measure baseball fence to find out how many sponsor signs can be put on the fence. Board decided signs will cost sponsor \$100 for 4' x 6' and \$200 for 4' x 12' both with mesh material. McNeal and Guenther will solicit sponsors. Kakacek recommended if they don't have enough sponsors, they can post notice of needing sponsors on web, face-book and around town.

Park Improvements: McNeal gave update of what has been done at the park. He will be pulling the horseshoe pits and leveling the pit due to insurance audit. It was suggested to have the bags game there and McNeal will ask Bill Shanahan to make the board for the bags game. McNeal wants to add dirt at both parks, this will be on the next agenda for approval of quote. Kringle noted the following improvements need to be done: fix the tractor grill hand levers; grind down the cracks at the shelter; large branches on tree at Castek Park need to be taken down. He noted J. Rieck volunteered to take the branches down for free. His business has insurance coverage for this. McNeal will complete the other items Kringle stated. Guenther inquired of the tennis courts condition. It was noted the courts were in bad shape and not maintained. Board directed Kakacek to post notice that Parks & Recreation Board is considering removing the tennis courts and add another basketball post/hoop. McNeal noted that Men's Club may donate a picnic table for Downtown Park.

Splash Pad: McNeal noted a chlorine system would need to be installed if installed splash pad. He also gave costs of other towns splash pads. Kakacek noted they would need to get approval to use well from landowner if plan on installing by city hall. McNeal will contact landowner. Kakacek also noted they would need council approval to install a splash pad before they start soliciting for donations and grants. McNeal will get several splash pad plans and costs to present at next meeting with area of 30' x 40'to 50'.

Recreation Programs: Kakacek inquired if the board would like to consider creating recreation programs and possibly combing with City of Shueyville. Board will look into this further.

Next meeting date is scheduled for May 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. at city hall.
McNeal and rest of board welcomed Shanahan to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek
Swisher City Clerk/Finance Officer

Rodney McNeal
Parks & Recreation Board Member