

Swisher Parks and Recreation Meeting

June 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ed Kringle

Roll Call: Ed, Jared and Brad

Meeting Minutes were read and approved

Citizens present: Barb and Kevin Krug

Business

- a. Install Fence between Krug and Tubbs Properties – Kevin asked a fence be installed between his property and Castek Park, and complete the fence that is between Castek Park and the Tubbs' property. There are a lot of Park users that are using their driveway to get down to the ball field, wandering around in their crop fields looking for foul balls and even lighting fireworks off of their driveway and leaving the mess for them to clean up the next day. He also said that there needs to be some sort of enforcement, whether from someone policing it, or cameras around the trail and park so that those who are doing the trespassing can be found out. The signage around the trail and the private property to be better marked off as well. As for the foul balls, discussion was had that maybe there needs to be larger and longer fencing to help stop some of the fouls from leaving the field. The type of fence that they would like to see installed along the property line would be at least 6ft high chain link. Ideally the fence would be the same as what is along the Tubbs' property now, just extended all the way around the Park. Parks and Rec voted to make a recommendation to City Council that a fence be looked into and work with the Krug's to try and keep the public off their property.
- b. Business Sponsorship Level – Mitch put together a sponsorship level sheet. Ed said that he would try and meet up with Sonja and Kody to get their opinions on it.
- c. Change Castek Park-Parking Lot – Sounds like a great idea. Ed mentioned that the City may want to call the Army Corps at Coralville Lake to see if they still have any left from when they pulled all of the barriers at the Mehaffey Boat Ramp a few years back.
- d. Coordinate Youth Sports Recreation Sports Programs – Brad said that there are currently 3-4 people that have taken the Youth Sports Program and started to work the scheduling and rosters, but their biggest concern is the physical stuff of getting the fields ready for the respective sports. Currently there is a parent/coach that is willing to prep the infield for the baseball games, but a new drag is needed to make that job easier. (Agenda item f for this meeting). It was discussed that someone from that group could continue to do all of the work, then send a report to Parks and Rec for the meetings, as well as work with Parks and Rec to make sure that they are getting the support and help they need as well as keep them from becoming too isolated and independent.
- e. Update on Youth Sports Program – Everything seems to be going well, baseball/t-ball is currently underway.
- f. Purchase Drag for Baseball Field – Parks and Recreation approved to spend up to the cost of the expensive drag plus the cost of a few garden hoses for watering the infield as well. The money

may come out of the Youth Sports Fund as long as we have the funds to do it since we need it asap.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm