

Swisher Parks and Recreation Board

Minutes of November 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Ed Kringle

Roll Call: Ed, Brad and Jared present.

Agenda for November meeting and Minutes from September meeting approved

Business

a. Additional Seating at Castek Park Playground:

Jared shared that the Swisher Men's club would be willing to help fund some benches, however they would rather have someone local build them rather than order from a catalog. Ed commented on how that would be fine, but he would like to see a design first for the Parks and Recreation Board can see it, as well as discuss any future maintenance needs that may come about by the designs. The Park Board also would like to see the city pour a cement pad under the bench to help with mowing and such as well.

b. Recommend Approval of Quote for Fence Toppers at Castek Park Ball Diamond:

Looking at the options on the email in the packet, the Board likes the option of the yellow corrugated fence toppers.

c. Budget 2024-25:

We came up with some ideas for what we would like to see happen. The board doesn't know the cost of the items off the top of our heads but will start to look into them.

- Bring up dirt flush with all cement slabs in all of our parks to reduced trip hazards
- Basketball hoops for bigger kids at the Shueyville Community Center-Done
- New Picnic tables or at least new boards at the Shelter at Castek Park
- Paint and spruce up bathrooms at Castek Park-new bathroom fixtures, paint, etc.
- Spray for insects in Concession area at Castek Park
- New roofs on Shelters at Castek Park
- Remove railroad tie barrier and reshape dirt around Castek Park Playground-reduce tripping hazards
- Replacing broken/cracked Playground features at Castek Park Playground

d. Update on Youth Recreation Sports Programs

Basketball season is about to get started

e. Tree Grant Opportunity-MidAmerican Energy

Hold off again until we are out of the drought and the ones we have planted recently have established themselves well.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23