

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street

Meeting: January 20, 2022

Members Present: Jeff Sogge, Matt Tullis, Andrew Pool, Wynne Brothers (phone)

Absent: Steve Storjohann, Cindy Brodin, Laurel Degelau

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

The December meeting was canceled due to weather, no minutes to approve.

2022 Plans

Master planning has begun on Riverview Park. The City Council will be approving bond issue projects for FY23 which has \$2,000,000 in it for Phase I of the Riverview Park Improvements project. If approved this would include earthwork to increase the amount of water the lagoons and park can hold for a 75 year flood, roughly 8 acres. It would also include improvements to the roads and possibly some other amenities.

We have received an Iowa Economic Development Authority grant for Public Facilities to be used at Elks Park in the amount of \$67,320 to be used for installation of new sidewalks, entrance sign, grading the center of the park, picnic tables and a grill. We will begin working on that project this summer.

Feedback from the community engagement meetings and website for Riverview Park have been given to Bolton and Menk who will be working on the master plan for the park and should have some drawings and cost estimates by the end of the year.

61 Ash trees on the terrace have been removed. We will begin taking out some more and working on terrace stumps in July when new Road Use Tax money becomes available.

The Veterans Courtyard project is on hold until spring to allow for warmer weather to install the pickleball court surfacing. The fence around the dumpsters and generator is complete.

Peterson Park is the next park to see improvements in FY23. We will likely hold a public engagement meeting at the park like we did at Elks to see what the neighbors would like to see for amenities and improvements with work beginning in spring of 2024.

Coliseum Renovation Plaque

With the Coliseum renovation project complete, staff has had a few people ask about a plaque showing all the key people who made the project happen so we will be getting one ordered and installed on the new west entrance area soon.

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on February 16, 2022 at the Coliseum Conference Room, 20 W State Street.

