RIPON PARKS AND RECREATION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Chairman Rod Wright, Commissioner Jim Schuller, Commissioner Chad DeGraff, Alternate Commissioner Louis Rivera and Director Kye Stevens.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Bryce Perkins, Commissioner Steve McPeak

Others present: Penny Alexander.

MINUTES: MOTION: MOVED, SECONDED (SCHULLER, RIVERA) AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2022 REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MOTION: MOVED, SECONDED (SCHULLER, DEGRAFF) AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Penny Alexander asked to address the Commission about the possibility of water aerobics at the Aquatic Center. She also showed interest in tennis and/or pickle ball as well as other programs for seniors living in Ripon. Director Stevens reported that the Ripon Aquatic Center is located at Ripon High School and that he would give her information on how to contact the Aquatic Center Director Erik Zador about the possibility of adding water aerobics to the programming. Since the facility is on the High School campus there are limitations for running programs (i.e. the programs must take place before or after school and not conflict with RUSD). Director Stevens also provided contact information to Penny for tennis and stated that he would check around for more information about pickle ball. Commissioner Schuller asked if she had been in contact with the senior center director and the senior commission. He also stated that over the years the best way to get new programs up and running is to find someone passionate about the sport or program and approach them to see if they are willing to oversee it. The Commission thanked Penny for her time and for her enthusiasm.

1. Discuss and recommend a future location for Community Tennis Courts at the Mistlin Sports Park.

Director Stevens passed out an overhead map of the area for the Commission members to look at while discussing possible future locations for tennis courts at the Mistlin Sports Park. He stated that the location just to the north of the Indoor Volleyball Sports Facility has been discussed, however, there is probably not enough room for more than 3 courts. Another location that has been considered is the area just west of the soccer fields 9-12. This area is currently used each year by the Chamber of Commerce for the annual Almond Blossom Festival Carnival and there are plans for a future parking lot in that area as well. A third option that has been discussed is labeled #2 on the map passed out (it is west of soccer field 8 and the existing parking lot and northwest of soccer field 6). The fourth and final option discussed as a possible future location for tennis courts at the Sports Park is labeled as #1 on the aerial map (this area is just north of fields 9-12 in the back of the park and extending out toward Clinton South Road). This location is large enough to accommodate a minimum of 6 courts and as many as 12 courts for the future. It is vacant at this time and would not negatively impact current or future park use. The Commission members were in agreement that they did not want to negatively impact the Chamber of Commerce and the area that they use for the Almond Blossom Festival and they also thought the site area next to the Indoor Sports Arena was too small. Chairman Wright and Commissioners Schuller, DeGraff and Rivera all agreed that the area north of soccer fields 9-12 and extending out toward Clinton South Road would be the best future site for tennis courts at the Mistlin Sports Park.

MOTION: MOVED, SECONDED (SCHULLER, RIVERA) AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0 TO RECOMMEND OPTION 1 (THE LOCATION DIRECTLY NORTH OF SOCCER FIELDS 9-12 AND EXTENDING OUT TO CLINTON SOUTH ROAD ... SEE ATTACHED MAP).

2. Other Reports - Director or Commissioners. None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.	
(Signed) Rod Wright	Chairman
ATTEST:	
(Signed) Kye Stevens	Director



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