

Park Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021

The May 10, 2021 Cascade Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Boffeli at 5:00 p.m. at the New City Park. Board members Rausch, Sconsa and Orr were present. Manternach was absent.

Motion by Rausch, second by Orr to approve the agenda – all ayes.

Motion by Rausch, second by Sconsa to approve the meeting minutes from April 5, 2021, – all ayes.

Board reviewed the financial reports for the park and pool for March 2021. Motion by Orr, second by Sconsa to approve the financial reports – all ayes.

Pat Kearney addressed the Park Board regarding the possibility of donating \$50 and getting one of the 4x4 posts from the gazebo at the Riverview park. The Board told him we are unsure of what will happen to the old gazebo, but they will keep this in mind.

The Cascade soccer club is asking the City to purchase their new large soccer goal so it can be used by the community. The cost is \$1400. The soccer club is donating their other used goal to the City to be available for use also. Motion by Rausch to offer them \$700. Motion fails due to lack of second. After additional discussion and the purpose of purchasing the goal, motion by Sconsa, second by Orr to approve purchasing the new soccer goal – all ayes.

The Park Board discussed purchasing rubber mulch for the playground at the pool. Since we are adding new equipment and want it to be an attraction, adding rubber mulch is the best option. The rubber mulch is available in many colors including black, brown, green, red, blue. After reviewing photos of playgrounds with the various colors of mulch and the colors of our playground equipment, motion by Rausch, second by Sconsa to purchase 25 bags of brown rubber mulch to cover 5” thick at the playground – all ayes.

The Girl Scouts Troop 7420 constructed a GAGA ball pit in 2019 and received a Bronze Award for their project. The members of the Park Board presented the girls with their badges and pins at the New City Park at the meeting.

At 5:20p.m. the Park Board recessed their meeting to travel to the Riverview Park. At 5:25p.m. the Park Board resumed their meeting at Riverview Park. The discussion at the Riverview Park was to discuss the big pine tree located in the north part of the park. Bill McCarthy, who has been a tree expert for 35 years was present. He said the tree is unhealthy and has reached its lifespan of 25-35 years and is also affecting the health of a close neighboring tree. He recommends that the tree get cut down. He also suggested that we plant a new Locust tree to replace it and place that new tree on the north end of the two benches along the fence to mirror the tree on the south end. While discussing this tree, there is a pine tree at the New City Park that is also not healthy and should be removed and there are other trees that should be trimmed, but fall is the best time to do this. After discussing the large pine tree, motion by Rausch, second by Orr to remove the pine tree – all ayes. Additionally, motion by Orr, second by Rausch to put a Locust tree back up near benches – all ayes.

An update was provided regarding the pool. The pool is set to open Friday, May 28th at 5:00pm. We are continuing to work on getting ready for the season. The new playground equipment is set to be delivered the first part of June and the build day is set for June 25th.

With nothing further, motion by Rausch, second by Sconsa to adjourn the meeting at 5:44p.m. – all ayes.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator