

MINUTES
Yankton Park Advisory Board
April 5, 2010
Technical Education Center
1200 West 21st Street

Tom Nelson called the meeting of the Park Advisory Board (PAB) to order at 5:30 p.m.

I) Routine Business

A) Roll Call

Present: Darcie Briggs, Tom Nelson, Bob Muth, Bryan Schoenfelder, Pauline Akland,
and Craig Sommer

Absent: Terry Tennant

Also present: Director of Parks and Recreation, Todd Larson
Department Secretary Brittany Bessert

B) Consideration of March 1, 2010 Minutes

Akland motioned to approve the minutes, Sommer seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

II) Old Business

None

III) New Business

- A) Wiring for wireless internet availability at Riverside Park – Mike Gullickson and Tim Kenney were present. Midcontinent would like permission to install underground wiring by the Amphitheater to the middle of Riverside Park (a map was provided). This new wiring would allow Midcontinent to have their Riverboat Days Trailer provide wireless internet and then other events throughout the year could have access to providing the service also. A trailer does need to be present to provide the wireless service. It was discussed that the City should research the idea of having wireless service in the park at all times. Sommer motioned for, “the Park Advisory Board recommends that Midcontinent be allowed to install underground wiring to provide wireless internet service in the park.” Briggs seconded. The motion passed 6-0. The City will work with Midcontinent to determine the best way to plan for this project and then bring it forward to the City Commission for their consideration.
- B) Dog Waste- The board was updated on current dog waste signage and dog waste bag dispensers found throughout the parks system. The Department will order signs and dispensers for the parks or areas that should have them. The Department will also do some educational campaigns utilizing the local government TV channel, the City’s website, and the local media (radio and newspapers). Enforcement of the local ordinances is provided by the police department and citizens should report those that are not cleaning up behind their dogs.
- C) Cat feeding in Riverside Park- The board discussed the issue of citizens providing food for stray cats in Riverside Park. The Department will do some educational campaigns utilizing the local government TV channel, the City’s website, and the local media (radio and newspapers).

Enforcement of littering ordinances is provided by the police department and citizens should report those that are leaving cat food in public places.

- D) City Hall Flooring- The board was provided with samples of the flooring being examined by the Parks Department for the City Hall gymnasium. The idea of installing a modular floor over the top of the current wood floor at City Hall is to provide greater access to the public since a tennis mat would no longer be needed as it currently covers half of the gym floor. The new flooring would provide for two tennis courts (compared to the single court now) and the entire gym floor would be open for other rentals such as dances, basketball, soccer, softball, and floor hockey. Other communities that have the modular flooring are being contacted about the surface to determine the likes and dislikes, and whether the tennis players like playing on the surface. The floor samples were sent with Darcie Briggs so her husband Mike can bring them to the local tennis association for input. The flooring issue will be discussed again at next month's meeting.
- E) Updates on various projects-
- i) Community garden- all 96 spots rented, garden is being expanded this spring.
 - ii) Meridian Bridge – Todd will plan to attend the weekly project update meetings that will begin in May.
 - iii) RR bridge underpass for the A-B Trail- the City and BNSF railroad have come to an agreement on the City using the RR property to construct an underpass under the RR bridge north of 15th street. This underpass will connect to sections of the A-B trail that currently exist.
 - iv) Memorial Disc Golf tee box enhancements- the Parks Department is installing 6' x 12' concrete tee box pads. 5 boxes at a time are being installed.

IV) Other Business

- A) Caution- Children at Play signage- the board discussed protective signage around City parks. Todd will examine the issue with the Street Department.
- B) Commission Information Memorandums – Enclosed were the prior month's CIM's to assist the PAB members on Department activities.
- C) Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2010.

V) Adjourn

Briggs motioned and Akland seconded. Motion carried 6-0.