

# **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE GILBERT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Sunday – February 28, 2021**

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:04 p.m., via Zoom

ROLL CALL: Present: Paul Nees, Lacie Moore, Rob Hart, Kristi Dillon, Carmon Wilson,  
Graham Lundt

Absent: None

Guests: None

Agenda Item:

1. Nees reviewed the January 31, 2020 Minutes. Approved on motion by Sents seconded by Wilson.
2. Nees reviewed the February 28, 2021 Agenda. No changes noted, approved on motion by Wilson seconded by Dillon.
3. Old Business:
  - (a) Sand Volleyball at Banford Park – Nees reached out to the equipment company to get everything ordered. He will also be reaching out to Ames Trenching to make sure we are on the schedule for the spring. There could be a potential for the Gilbert Volleyball team to use the net some nights for practice. Question of if the booster club may help to fund a second net? We may need to have a light pole for the court to be able to be used at night. We could have light shut off at 10pm when the park closes. This could be used for an adult sand volleyball league but would need to be able to play at night. Another idea would be to be able to have a tournament during Gilbert Days. Nees will follow up with this idea.
  - (b) Ice Skating at Lions Park- the plugs and the cracks in the cement made it difficult to get a layer of ice down on the court to be able to use. In the future using a system similar to Ames would be better where there is a true barrier and membrane, etc. Ice skating may be better in a different location or we may need to improve the lighting where the ice skating would take place due to the darkness at night. We could potentially use the new sand volleyball court (lay the membrane on top and remove the poles during winter), especially if there are new / better lights there. We would need more community involvement to keep the ice clear. Nees will reach out to get some feedback from Ames about what their usage is and what upkeep is needed. Sents will research cost for a system.

- (c) Pickle Ball at Lions Park – Hart found a system for around \$500 that is commonly used. It would be a tennis net and we would need to put in the anchors and paint the lines. Painting the lines would be around \$80-100. With construction costs we believe this entire project could be done for around \$1,000. Nees will pitch this recommendation to the City at the next City Council meeting. Moore motioned to approve this recommendation to the City.
- (d) Signs on Walking path – Hart received confirmation that the Boy Scouts are going to take this project on as an Eagle Scout project. They will take on the repair of all three signs and would be willing to help decide the content for the signs and would hope to have the project done by the end of summer. A potential for different content to be added by an elementary class as well. The Eagle Scout candidate will work with the Parks and Rec Committee to determine the details once the candidate has been chosen. Hart will continue to follow up with the scouts on this project.

#### 4. New Business:

- (a) Tennis Nets at Lions Park- discussed above.
- (b) Yoga at Community Center- Beth Waage (did not join the meeting). She had asked about using the community center to offer yoga as part of a Parks and Rec program. She could rent out city hall by the hour or another idea could also be to do it in the park. We could help to advertise this for her.
- (c) Keep Iowa Beautiful Opportunity – there is a grant that we could apply for to participate in the clean up day. We don't believe there is a big need for this as our city is well kept up and there doesn't seem to be a need.

#### 5. Gilbert Youth Sports:

- (a) Update on Youth Sports Activities- Lundt/Hart- basketball just wrapped up. Made it through the whole season and it went really well. Baseball will be starting soon. All registrations for Baseball have closed. 140 kids total signed up. Youth Softball is still open for a little longer and Tee Ball will open up soon. Practices will begin after spring break. There are 50 kids signed up for the major league but currently are only split between four teams due to a lack of coaches. Overall a great turnout for registrations. Pony League has had a couple of open gyms and have had a lot of really positive feedback from parents. Looking to set up a digital concession stand this year and Wendy Newton is going to be helping out with the inventory for the concession stand.
- (b) Update on Adult League- Wilson- Co-Ed softball is going to be happening this year. Lundt will reach out to the school again about being able to use gym space for a potential volleyball league this spring.

6. Other Business:

- (a) Adding Light to Soccer Field -Hart will reach out to the Gilbert Soccer Club to see if there is any interest from them in adding lights to any of the soccer fields in Gilbert. There could be a potential to work together on cost for this lighting.

7. The next P&R meeting was scheduled for March 28th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in person. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on motion by Hart and seconded Wilson.

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Paul J. Nees, Chairperson