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**MINUTES**  
**YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Monday, September 16, 2024, 5:30PM, in the Community Room**  
**CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Roll Call:

Present: Jeannine Economy-List, Brian Bertsch, Elizabeth Healy, and City Commissioner Brian Hunhoff.

Absent: Jason Tellus, Cody Kneifl and Tom Bixler.

Also present City Manager Amy Leon, and Parks Office Manager Chasity McHenry.

Public Appearances: None.

Minutes: July 15, 2024 minutes approved. Economy-List motioned. Bertsch second. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The Westside Park Pickleball court conversion: Midwest Stripping is sourcing the product used for filling cracks in courts. A modification was made to court paint colors due to availability/supply chain issues. These issues and other work have delayed the start date. We still expect work to occur this fall. We ask members of the public do not call vendors of the City to inquire about the timelines. Michael's Fencing installed the fencing. Posts and nets will still have to be installed. We have the wind screens. City staff will likely be utilized to build the open-air shelter near the courts. Utilizing the priority list of items discussed at the public meeting, remaining project funds will be used to complete other items. We have until June 30, 2026 to have the work completed (fencing, net posts, nets, painting), all part of the grant application.
- B. Review of the summer season including The Huether Family Aquatics Center, Music at the Meridian and other events. At the HFAC there had been a few rainy days during the season but daily passes were up from last year. There was a total of 3,282 season passes sold this year vs. last year with 3,640 passes. There was a lot of success with the 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Many comments of having the same kind of event in 2025 but as the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> is in 2026, there are thoughts of having a bigger event then, and having a standard event next year. There have been many positive comments on the flowers and landscapes downtown. Parks is advertising for part-time help in the fall season as they are a bit short on staff with workers on vacation or dealing with family emergencies.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Garrett Haas presented his Eagle Scout Project. Would like to do his Eagle project at the outdoor rink at Sertoma Park. Would like to make some hockey benches to sit and they can be used by anyone. They would be located on either side of the entrance to the rink. Hoping



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to get the concrete poured before winter hits and then completing the project by June 2025. Park Advisory Board makes a motion to pass project on to City Commission to start as soon as there is funding and materials. Brian Bertsch motioned. Jeannine Economy-List second. Motion passes 3-0.

- B. Fall maintenance and end of season activities along with projects that Parks staff anticipates completing as well as winter activities was discussed. Parks is working on bleachers at Riverside Baseball. Also looking into installing a rail at the amphitheater. There have been comments on Westside Park pond. The pond is not leaking. It is a combination of evaporation and lack of water from the well. There has also been concern about the lack of fish in the pond. The pond is set to get fish in the spring of 2025. Luke Youmans is working on the Parade of Lights. A couple of things the department will be looking into is the rates that are assigned to the park shelters and the rates at the cemetery. Parks is also looking to getting the holiday décor up before Thanksgiving.
- C. Meridian Bridge's Centennial Celebrations. The Parks Department would like to ask the Park Advisory Committee for their help in promotion the Centennial Celebration of the Bridge. Luke Youmans is very busy on working on the planning of October 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. General discussion items.
  - Commission information Memorandums (4 CIMs).
  - Other completed work projects for the department are noted in the CIMs.
  - Next Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2024.

#### **V. ADJOURN**

Economy-List motioned, Bertsch second. Motion carried 3-0.