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MINUTES
YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, July 19, 2021, 5:30PM, in the Community Room
CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21st Street

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Present: Jeannine Economy, Elizabeth Healy, Tom Bixler, Daniel Prendable, Joey Bryan and Jason Tellus.

Absent: Commissioner Bridget Benson.

Also present City Manager Amy Leon, Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Larson, and Parks Secretary Chasity McHenry.

Public Appearances: Carol Borchard and Marilyn Wilson for pickle ball. Tara Frank and Tom Nelson for swim team.

Minutes: May 17, 2021 minutes approved. Healy motioned. Economy second. Motion passed 6-0.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Elect new board president. Economy elects Healy. Healy declines. Prendable nominates Tellus. Healy moves to close nominations. All in favor 6-0. Tellus is new board president.
- B. The Huether Family Aquatics Center update. Facility data from the month of June. Through 7/15/21 we've sold 3,900 season passes. Approximately 200 Guppy Grant passes have been provided to the Boys and Girls Club. Approximately 45 Guppy Grant passes have been provided to The Center. There have been requests to keep the lazy river open through Labor Day weekend for morning water walking.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pickle ball discussion. Carol B. and Marilyn W. discussed current pickle ball status in community. Westside Park and the City Hall gym have pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. Carol says the pickle ball community is growing with 58 active members and would like to have some dedicated pickle ball courts. They would like to convert the south tennis courts at Fantle Memorial Park into pickle ball courts. A discussion with the tennis users in town would be the next step in determining court needs at Fantle Memorial Park (high school tennis, the Tennis Association, and Mount Marty tennis). These ladies are offering to teach people how to play pickle ball. They are at Westside Park on six days a week, excluding Sunday, from 8am to 10am. They are organized on-line and have a way to schedule playing. The bottom of the fence needs to be fixed at Westside Park so it stops the pickle balls from rolling out of the courts.
- B. Swim team discussion. Tara F. and Tom N. presented. The swim team has 35 members in 2021. The swim team volunteers work hard to fund-raise to keep fees low. The team does



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have a paid coach. They love the new pool but doing the swim meet they struggled with the lane lines and getting them to fit. Some lines were 25 meters while the others were 25 yards with the connectors to go in the middle being complicated. They love the new diving blocks. They are concerned that they are sitting in the sun and should have covers. They recommend putting those in storage when they are not in use. They do like do like keeping a couple of blocks out for use at practices. They don't have enough storage place and would like the City to store blocks and lane lines for the winter. They would like the Parks and Recreation department to take a look at the contracts to allow visiting teams during a swim meet to be allowed to bring in coolers. They struggled to keep food and drink out of the facility during their swim meet. A lot of the groups had food and drink in their camps set-up inside the fence. Tom Bixler spoke in favor of the City buying a trailer to store and haul lane lines and starter blocks. Tom stated the trailer should be quality at a good price along with a good warranty.

- C. 2022 Capital improvement Plan. City Manager Amy Leon presented. New facilities in the community are easier to plan and fund with partnerships and utilizing naming rights. Westside Park and the master plan for the park are a focus in the coming years due to some private donations that the City has partnered for.
- D. 2021 Capital Projects update.
- E. General Discussion. Liz Healy discussed having more fruit trees at the Community Gardens at the Marne Creek Greenway. The board felt the fruit trees that are there should be pruned and treated for pests. Now that all the garden spots are not being utilized by Healthy Yankton, maybe more trees can be planted in the north end of the gardens.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commission information Memorandums (4 CIM attachments).
- B. Next Meeting: September 20, 2021.

V. ADJOURN

Tellus motioned, Economy second. Motion carried 6-0.