

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

Kim Seebeck	Doug Garrett	Kathy Dickerson
Brad Haggerty	Greg Rhames	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Kyle Ament	Dennis Farland
Don Edwards		Dave Mast
		Jeff Davidson

II. Topics for Discussion

Agenda Approval –Doug invited a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Greg; 2nd by Don. Motion approved.

Shannon was absent so Doug ran meeting and Kim acted as Secretary.

Guest Speakers – None.

Financials – Kathy Dickerson presented the financial report.

Account Balances as of 7/11/18:

- Savings:
 - Balance: \$75,135.03
- Checking:
 - Balance: \$1,881.63
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$100

Kathy also mentioned she has been working on clarification of the address of Quarry Springs Park. The address of QSP on Google is 200 North Park Road. The Post Office has an old quarry address. Kathy is trying to get the Post Office to recognize our new address. Due to some constraints they will agree to recognize and use “N Park Rd” but not North Park Road. They do claim that if our PO Box is on any mail addressed to QSP, we will receive it.

Greg moved to approve the financials; 2nd by Pete Parvi. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from May 9th Meeting – Greg moved for approval; 2nd by Mary Dell. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- **Promotions Committee** – Kim gave a financial report on outcome of RTQ. The concert netted approximately \$2K. This is without a few more items being reported. Mary Dell reported that the attendees enjoyed themselves. Promotions committee will talk at their next meeting about go forward strategy for future years. Discussion ensued. Dennis had a long conversation with Doug Thorton – who is interested in using our facility to raise funds for larger concerts compared to the size of Country Bash or other similar size event. Promotions Committee will bring back to Board a recommendation. Doug provided a report on the Disc Golf Tournament. There were approx. 20 participants. Lower turn out than expected but those that attended liked the tournament. They were complimentary of the hospitality of the event, the food, water available on the course and the overall venue. Doug, Mary Dell and Kim talked with contact organizer about future sanctioned events at Lewis Park. Course is well liked with the Tier A with new catchers. Promotions Committee will discuss further. The overall feeling is that this was a good event and the Promotions Committee hopes this can develop into a larger event in future years.
- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Doug mentioned the camp ground road is still closed due to water and mud from recent rain. Once the road is open, the Campsites will need to be mowed. Doug and Pete will evaluate on Friday to see if road can be reopened. The Skag Mower is at Prairie Ag getting serviced as it is not working correctly. Doug is waiting to hear from them on the exact issue. Kim suggested that all that use the mower take better care of the mower in the future. Doug is recommending that we paint the word “Office” and our logo on the west side of the office building so people know which building is the office. Pat is looking into a cost for a stencil of the logo. Some discussion ensued about whether the logo or park name could also be stenciled pole or block building. The Iowa DOT may not allow due to view from I-80. People are finding us due to the “camping” sign on the interstate. Doug also discussed (with Greg) that we could extend the camping road to the east from the east

end and add approx. 5 sites that would have shade and be good new camping spots. We need to lay it out and see how it looks and how to best loop the new road back to the existing road. Operations Committee will look in more detail this Fall for Open of 2019 Season. Doug also asked for any interest in attendance from Board Members for the Prairie Meadows lunch – Community Impact Luncheon (see email from Doug) on July 24 for the Grant we received. Doug asked that all Board Members consider signing up for park closing duty as we have some openings yet this summer and into Fall. Next work day most likely will be Saturday July 21 for general clean up and work. The front sign is having issues, warped backing and lose plastic cover. Doug is suggesting we move the sign from the front of the Dike and place at the front entrance. The Sign at the trail head of the Dike is probably not needed. Doug showed a draft for donation form to include in a new brochure holder at the info kiosk for accepting donations or volunteering. Tony Edwards will continue tuck pointing and painting at the west side of the block building once he finishes another job towards end of July. New Windows are installed in the West side of the block building. They just need to be caulked. A huge thank you to Don Edwards and Pete Parvi for getting this down prior to the RTQ event. Doug mentioned that Becks has sweet corn that we can sell. Some of the corn will go to the school. We could set up a vendor stand when the corn is ready. This is at no cost to the Park Board. We need to coordinate volunteers if we want to sell it. Doug will provide more information. Kyle had news to share from a fisheries person with IDNR that the IDNR is going to raise fish for stocking internally for viability of Wipers as a stocking fish. A wiper is a hybrid between 2 types of bass fish (stripe and white bass). The Wiper will help control the Shad population in the Iowa Lakes as they feed on bait fish. Kyle has been told that they will consider stocking QSP lakes as part of the program. He knows we are currently on a list of stocking sites. This type of fish type will not re-populate. He will keep us posted and document for us so we can publicize at the right time.

Old Business

Future Grant Possibility as suggested by Doug.

Doug wants the PAB to consider grant for covering for fishing platform facing the north lake. He will price obtain some pricing. Jeff offered the 2 grants we have pursued in the past – Jasper Community Foundation and Prairie Meadows – as the best possibilities. Doug also wants us to consider grant for \$5K for Trees for Kids – available for Fall. We will have to include Kids in the use of the grant funds if we are awarded the Grant.

Update Iowa Tourism Grant Brochure – Brochures are in and are updated with new information. The PAB received 4000 brochures. City's brochure have not been ordered as they were still redlining. We have received letter from Tourism Bureau stating we have fulfilled our requirement

Watercraft Rental Shelter – Greg informed the PAB that the Shelter has a roof and he needs to finish up below. The metal roof still needs to be installed on the kiosk.

Osprey Nest Design – Doug mentioned that he has been contacted by another boy scout troop interested in building some Osprey Nests to be placed in the Park. We will consider another 3 stands.

Red Bridge Update – Per Joe Otto in an update email to Kim on July 9, the Iowa DNR has approved the construction permit for Phase 1. The State Historic Preservation Office approved of the move of the bridge and that it would continue to be on the National Register of Historic Places if moved. This information was crucial for seeking grants. MidAmerican Energy is surveying the power lines on Highway 117 in preparation of moving power lines to let the bridge go through – the final part of the route is from F48/League Road in Colfax to the Skunk River Bridge. They are doing this work for free. Channel 13 covered the Red Bridge and the flood threat in a 4pm News Broadcast that included aerial drone footage. The station manager reached out to Joe Otto upon seeing a recent story in the Newton Daily News.

Grant Applications Report:

Paint Iowa Beautiful/Interior Block Building Completion – intent is to use on the interior of the west end of the block building.

Reservation of the Block Building for May 27, 2019 –Colfax Class of 1969 Reunion. They expect 100 people. We will not charge a fee but will ask for a donation.

Prairie Meadows Community Betterment/Post & Cable Fence – we have received monies for grant. Don's family who has a company that does fencing has offered to install for us. Doug will work with them before materials are ordered to ensure the correct fencing materials are ordered. Doug and Greg will work on parking layout at top of the hill.

Jasper County Foundation/40 Picnic Tables – We have received the monies for this grant. Also, Greg has been contacted a boy scout troop that is willing to help us put the tables together. Doug will contact him once Greg provides contact information. Grant is for 40 tables. Product is shipping and there is an immediate issue with shipping charges. Originally \$532.64 was quoted and Doug was recently told the shipping charges were \$1200 based on weight and only part of the truck being used for shipping. With some discussion with company, Doug got it down to \$978. Doug is working with company further so no further monies will come from PAB funding. Most recently they are offerering \$800. Much discussion about how company should honor originaly quote. Finally a Motion was made by Greg to allow to pay up to \$800 for shipping but try to do better. Dennis 2nd. Motion passed.

Pump and Test Water on Large Well Head at QSP – The water still hasn't been tested; Doug will check with Bob Rhone regarding status. Doug has been trying to press for the test. Bob has had other issues related to water issues in City.

Review of PAB Reimbursement Policy – Kim provided a handout about the Policy that was voted on and accepted in 2017 by the PAB related to purchase of items on behalf of the park and expected reimbursement.

Teed Family interest in Bench – Memorial for Rhonda Mother. Kim has been approached by Rhonda regarding interest of family in placing benches in honor of her mother. Kim and Rhonda will connect to find out more information.

ADA Fishing Dock – Greg wants to pursue an ADA compliant dock – T shaped, with easy launch, hole in the middle, floating – all ADA approved. He has a rendering that he will share with Kim and Kim will share with group. He wants to get started on some seed money with events like kayaking – friends and family for free water crafting with donations This helps exposure to Greg's business and also QSP. Kyle and Greg are not aware of anything else in area. Is Board aware of any groups interested in this event? Contact Greg if have any thoughts. Greg is setting up Facebook Event page for this promotion. Quote for ADA Compliant dock is \$25,000 (Greg has detailed copy). IDNR will have to permit dock (public). Discussion ensued related to permit required as well as need for funding for ADA access to dock related to parking and sidewalks. Doug advised that Tony Edwards was also interested in this issue, but was not in attendance at this evening's meeting. See Watercraft Rental Shelter discussion above.

Hometown Pride/Iowa State Fair - If any Board member wishes to attend the Iowa State Fair for free, he or she may do so by agreeing to volunteer at the Keep Iowa

Beautiful booth for a period of four hours during the Fair. See Doug for further details if interested.

Adjournment – Kyle moved to adjourn; 2nd by Greg. Motion approved.