

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

January 25, 2016

Regular Meeting

APPROVED

Members Present: Maureen Bartz, Mike Eliason, Barb Farrell, Lincoln Tilson, Jim Young
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Dan Schultz, Director of Parks and Recreation and Sonja Honl, Recording Secretary
Others Present: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Eliason called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 28, 2015 MEETING MINUTES: MOTION** by Young to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting. **SECOND** by Tilson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.
4. **AUDIENCE INPUT:** None
5. **DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):** None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Project Planning** – Schultz explained that the City Council held a goal setting meeting in January and although there wasn't a published list of goals yet, one of the things they discussed was having a referendum in the spring that would include the following: a second sheet of ice; finishing the last four fields at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex; completing two fields and adding parking at UMore; and completing the second phase of the splash pad at Central Park. The referendum would be for approximately \$13 to \$15 million

Per Schultz, three fields are complete at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex and we still need to complete site grading, an additional parking lot, and access to Bonaire Path. (Artificial turf at this location is not part of the referendum.) The UMore Ball Field Project – Phase 2 includes the completion of two fields and a concession building. Schultz noted that there is no potable water and no sewer for the concession building at this time. Regarding the second sheet of ice, staff met with Dist. 196 and they supported a second sheet of ice, but were concerned about losing a field for the parking lot in the current plan. They asked staff if the City had space available at Central Park that could be used for fields as a trade-off for losing the field by the dome. Schultz also mentioned that the City Council has indicated that they would like to meet with Dist. 196 if the new school is to be built in Rosemount regarding partnering on gym space and fields. Regarding the splash pad project, it would include a playground with a poured in place rubber surface. The City Council also discussed building a dog park.

Per Schultz, once we get the City Council's updated project list, we will also review the Parks and Recreation Commission's project list and update it. The Commission looked at their current list and thought they could take Neighborhood Parks off right now. They also thought the Erickson Park Tennis Courts Phase 2 could be removed. The Commission asked if the City could do a community survey regarding the referendum to find out what residents would support.

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Young mentioned there's a need for dugouts and we want to make sure this item doesn't get overlooked. Schultz has spoken to the softball/baseball representatives and there are challenges with building new dugouts due to weather and this could be pushed back to fall, but we will discuss it further. Schultz mentioned he may want to have special meeting of the Commission to discuss the referendum.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Director's Report** - The park improvement fund balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$411,098.15. We will soon be spending \$150,000 to finish Ailesbury Park (formerly Prestwick Park).

Aging Mastery Program Grant – We recently received an Aging Mastery Grant which was awarded to Rosemount Parks and Recreation and the Farmington Rambling River Center. The funds will be used for programs to help seniors prepare for the next phase of life and improve their quality of life.

Steeple Center – The Steeple Center re-opened on January 4, and senior programs and activities have moved to their new location. A ribbon cutting will take place on Monday, Feb. 1 at 5 pm.

8. **ADJOURNMENT - MOTION** by Bartz to adjourn the meeting. **SECOND** by Young.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sonja Honl, Parks and Recreation Secretary