

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019  
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM  
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**1) ROLL CALL:**

- a) Commissioners – Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Tammi McLaughlin, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Glenn VanBlarcom and Paul Waterstreet.  
Absent: Kenneth Cobleigh
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Matt Baum and Tom Gamble
- d) Student Advisor – Delaney Sharp

**2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting were approved.**

**4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None**

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Rogers Park**

- i) Construction of the restroom, pathway, bench and bike rack is going out to bid Friday.
- ii) The customized modular unit restroom was ordered 6 weeks ago. It includes an adult changing station that can support 400 pounds and cost \$58,000.
- iii) Timeline:
  - i) 100% of the design/development should be completed by mid-March.
  - ii) Out to bid in April.
  - iii) Contractor contract signed in May.
  - iv) Construction beginning in June/July.
  - v) Construction should take 16 weeks and be completed close to the anniversary date of the accident.
- iv) The log guy is working on pieces and a metal fabricator will construct the supports for the logs.

**b) R.F.P. Interviews and Schedule**

- i) Interviews with 3 firms (MIG, Place, Ink2 Studios) will take place next Friday morning.
- ii) Councilman Hunsacker is working on the Aquatics review. The end design should be completed in August and submitted to the City Council at the end of September.
- iii) The initial phase will include analysis of the pool, North Lincoln, A.T. Smith House, and Stites Property.

**c) Volunteer of the Year Nominations and Selections**

- i) Bring your nominations to the next meeting.

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Aquatic Center Policy change**

- i) The Pool Rules focus mainly on safety, but also include our policy on swim attire. A new policy is being put in place to address appropriate swimwear, following the policy in the Washington DC public pools.

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**7) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

**a) Paul:**

- i) Presented his talking points for the Boards & Commissions dinner. If you have anything to add, please let him know.

**b) Howard:**

- i) Unified baseball starts tonight. The varsity kids come and cheer, which makes it fun for everyone.

**c) Susan:**

- i) Two rotary clubs are presenting "Peace Village" in August for 30 children. It is a weeklong program and volunteers are needed. Let her know if you are interested.

**d) Brad:**

- i) The school superintendent has been holding listening sessions, 60 over the last month. Focusing on facilities and instructor's leadership and what the district will look like in 3 to 5 years. Howard attended a meeting and said the superintendent was open to all questions and offered responses.

**8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

**a) Malynnda:**

- i) The current police facility is not working, the lobby is open, there is only 1 interview room and the evidence area is inadequate. The response from a phone survey did not support a bond. Renovation is not an option, so at the next work session they will discuss the next step.
- ii) The Boards & Commissions banquet is tomorrow night.
- iii) January 26 is the annual Town Hall meeting at the high school at 8:30 a.m.
- iv) The Council retreat will take place on February 2. This is a 6 hour work session.
- v) The C.E.P. process will begin in March.
- vi) The new Metro Councilor is Juan Gonzales.

**9) STAFF REPORTS:**

**a) Matt:**

- i) The staff is busy, finishing up the light poles at Jessie Quinn, installing the irrigation and street tree trimming.
- ii) The dog park needs to have holes filled and be reseeded, so it will close at the end of March for 4 to 6 weeks. New equipment will be installed as well.
- iii) The riverbank along the B Street Trail washed out last year. Clean Water Services is cutting out trees and will be doing bank restoration in the Spring. The trail will be closed for 2 weeks.
- iv) We are looking at a Soil & Water Conservation grant for Stites Park. They would like to create a small oak savannah, which would be low maintenance, beautiful and long term. They would do the entire thing, with federal and private funding available to them. There are some covenance restrictions on this property and this would fit with keeping it natural.

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**b) Tom:**

- i) Fernhill Wetlands council is going through a metamorphosis. They have been a support group for the wetlands over the years, with the primary interest being birding. Fifteen years ago Clean Water Services bought the property from the City. At that time the City Manager and a Council Liaison were put on the board. Per the sales agreement the wetlands must remain open to the public. CWS is starting to look at connections with their surrounding farmlands and the farming community.

**10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00 a.m.

**11) ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.