

Minutes
Recreation Committee
May 4, 2020
2nd committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Black, Committee members Taft Matney and Michael Reynolds all present remotely. Interim Recreation Director Bart Cumalander was present remotely and City Administrator Brandon Madden was present on site at city hall.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Black

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Recreation Committee Meeting: April 6, 2020
Councilman Matney made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous with one correction regarding "Chairman Merritt."

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

- a. Department Reports
Interim Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

- Budget Review

Bart reported that part of the fence at City Park is down. The fence is going to be pressure washed and stained. The playground equipment at City Park is complete. The paving project should start in May. The basketball court at Springfield is being painted now. The Springfield playground equipment has been ordered and it should be delivered around the 3rd week of May, but that may be delayed due to a drainage issue. The Senior Center budget may be a little over because of the purchase of an air unit.

Councilman Reynolds asked about how baseball and other activities would be resumed. Bart said he had a meeting with Recreation Departments in other cities. Greer is about ready to cancel their sports activities. We are trying to get our season in, while taking precautions. We do want to play baseball. Councilman Reynolds said he thinks baseball is an excellent outlet and would like to salvage the season. It will be good for the parents, the kids, and the parks. Councilman Reynolds said we just need to start preparing now and if we get the governor's clearance, we are ready to go.

Chairman Black said he drove to City Park and the playground equipment looks great. The paving is the only thing left to do. He said he saw Chris Walker and a few public works staff working on the fence behind Joel Ann's Open Market.

There is some extra playground surface material left over and it may be able to be used at Pine Forest/Oak Forest park. We need to save it to reuse.

5. Unfinished Business – None

6. New Business-

a. Door at back of Sports Center walking track

The sports center walking track has a stairway that currently allows access to fitness equipment by people who only have walking memberships. Staff and a few members have mentioned that there should be a door or gate placed at the top of the track to block access to people who should not have it. Some quotes have been received. There are two options- one is a door with a swipe card access and one is a gate. Bart said people could jump over the gate. If someone tries to get in without a card or with the wrong card, an alarm will sound.

Councilman Matney said knowing who primarily uses the walking track, he is not sure there will be a lot of jumping of the gate. He wants to make sure if we go with the full door, that the contractor works closely with the fire department to make sure people can get in and out safely in case of an emergency. Chairman Black said there would be a push bar to allow for emergencies. Bart said that was correct. Councilman Reynolds asked Bart how many people are taking advantage of the system? Bart said maybe 25 a month are using the fitness equipment unauthorized. More people during basketball season and the peak months. Bart said it is hard to regulate. Councilman Reynolds asked if there is a legitimate income loss. Bart answered yes.

Councilman Matney asked what the funding source would be. Holly answered she suggested there is \$150,00 in Recreation money set aside to do a park project that will not be done this year. Part of that money could be used. Holly then said she has seen some people come down to the fitness floor that she thought did not have a full membership.

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to support \$8430 for a door to be funded out of capital projects and send this to Council. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Councilman Matney said he is supporting this tonight to get input from full Council. He is not sure on his support during the council meeting.

Councilman Reynolds asked if there is a timeline. Bart said he did not ask the contractor but will find out. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Black adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk