



**CITY OF GREENFIELD
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2022**

The Parks Commission met in regular session on Wednesday September 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 7738 Commerce Circle.

1. Call to Order

Chair Mastel called the September 28, 2022, meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Brian Mastel, Ben Vandeputte, Ben Lindaman and Anne Wittnebel

Members Absent: Jared Anderson

Others present: Administrative Assistant Paula Mead and guest Nate Schmidt from RAAA and Peter Moran RAAA President (via Zoom)

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Wittnebel, seconded by Vandeputte to approve the amended agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Approval of Minutes of the July 27, 2022 Meeting

MOTION by Vandeputte, seconded by Lindaman to approve the July 27, 2022 minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2022 Meeting

MOTION by Wittnebel, seconded by Vandeputte to approve the August 24, 2022 minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Discussion

a. Baseball RAAA

Pete Moran, the President of RAAA attended the meeting via Zoom with Nate Schmidt in attendance. Moran summarized the information from last meeting and reviewed his presentation. He presented a budget to upgrade the current field at Central Park to 13U/12U and add a new field for 11U and under. Cost estimates are \$146,000 to upgrade current field and \$138,000 for adding the new field. Mastel asked if the estimated labor was included. Answer no. Mastel feels it should be included so the labor can be part of the matching estimate for the grant monies. Lindaman asked why couldn't the current field be tweaked and add a new 13U/12U field. Seems like it would be a better way to spend the money instead of working on both fields at one time. The proposed site for the second field at Greenfield Central Park would have the same orientation as Bankwest field. Proposed timeline from RAAA suggests fundraising this winter and break ground after 2023 baseball season with hopes to play on the new fields in 2024. Mastel asked when will RAAA ask Hanover Athletic Assoc for a donation. Answer this fall. Vandeputte asked how much is RAAA able to donate to this project besides labor? 20%? 25%? Answer RAAA would hope to donate 25% of the cost of the project but

currently does not have it and would need to fundraise for their portion. RAAA would also go to local businesses to garnish interest in donating to the project. Mastel feels the RAAA idea to maintain the baseball fields like Bankwest would also be a key factor in approval. Moran will forward the presentation to Staff to assist with the grant request. Mastel feels the Twins Henn Co Youth Sports Grant would be an ideal answer to some of the funding. The maximum is \$100,000 for grants. It is a matching grant so Parks would need to have matching funds. Parks also needs to go to City Council for approval to request the grant and would need a letter of support from the Council prior to funding. Deadline for grant request is November 2022. Vandeputte asked to Staff to request exact deadline so Mastel can work on the grant request and requirements from Council can be met prior to deadline. Vandeputte is not sure he approves putting all the Parks money into the new baseball field. He understands the need for a field but was hoping RAAA would bring more to the table.

b. Grants

Henn Co Youth Baseball and Softball Grants information indicate the deadline is November 2022. Vandeputte suggested we get the exact due date so we can calculate our timing on Council approval, etc. Staff will request the date and inform the commission in case we need to move our October meeting earlier.

c. Community Gardens

Discussion on moving forward with this project. Not a lot of interest in this project from the survey but it isn't just about the gardens. Lindaman wants it to be a great addition to the park or not start it at all. Mastel felt it will be a large project like the other amenities. Commissioners agree to keep it on the list and keep discussing the project.

d. Trees

Staff asked for recommendation on how many trees to get quotes for to plant this fall. Lindaman thinks there should be a wind break on the northwest corner of the basketball court. It is really windy at the park. Mastel and Vandeputte agree there should be a few trees down the first baseline of the ballpark between the fence and the walking path. Mastel suggested the dead tree be pulled outside of centerfield but not replaced at this time.

Staff will get three quotes for a 3-4 fir trees and 3-4 maple trees to be planted yet this fall.

MOTION by Vandeputte, seconded by Lindaman to purchase and plant 6-8 trees not to exceed \$4,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Comments/Reports from Staff

a. Fund balance

The fund balance was \$ 42,022.47. Sample newsletter is on the table for review. Mastel said he likes that we are reminding residents that park projects are not funded by tax dollars. Light on flagpole is still out at the memorial at the park. Area needs some work. Staff is directed to put this on the agenda late winter for discussion.

b. Basketball Court Project Update

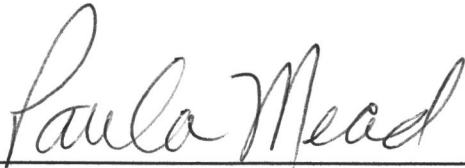
Basketball court is complete. It looks great. Lindaman stated he has seen lots of people using the courts. Bills have been paid. Grass is getting watered.

c. Electricity / Well Update

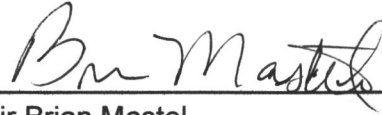
Project started on Monday. Directional bore done. Outlets are installed in the picnic shelter. Electrician is working with the well company to get the well hooked up. Electrician is waiting for cement for the light in the parking lot. Vandeputte asked if the light would be on all the time or is it a motion light. Answer it is timed by solar power and will be on from dusk to dawn.

8. Adjourn.

MOTION by Vandeputte seconded by Lindaman to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.



Paula Mead, Administrative Assistant



Chair Brian Mastel