

**OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2019**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Member Dee Bonn at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2019.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Harold Johnson, and Brittney Quant.

Absent: Orlando Ponce, Kerstin Schulz, Larry Stelmach, and Alden Webster.

Others present: City Planner Nancy Abts

3. APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was supported as presented.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Johnson requested the reference to District 270 be changed to District 279.

Abts stated she would make this change.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

7. BUDGET UPDATE

Abts provided the Commission with an update on the budget.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS SIPE PARK ASH TREE TREATMENT AND REPLACEMENT DEMONSTRATION

Abts stated Hennepin County began offering their Healthy Tree Canopy Grants in 2018. At that time, Osseo applied for and was awarded, funding to conduct an inventory of all public trees on City property and in boulevards. In 2019, after completing the inventory of public trees, the City applied for a second Healthy Tree Canopy Grant to remove and replace ash trees in Sipe Park that are affected by Emerald Ash Borer, and to treat additional large-caliper Ash trees in the park. The application also called for working with a contractor to

study the conditions that would need to be met to plant new trees in the public Right of Way. The Parks and Recreation Committee is asked to review the plans for Sipe Park and consider a grant application.

Johnson asked if Hennepin County had any funds available to assist with ash borer treatments for individual landowners. Abts commented she was not aware of any funds available for trees on private property.

Johnson recommended the public be made aware of the importance of treating Ash trees in order to encourage residents to save their trees.

Bonn suggested the Committee discuss the maintenance of boulevard trees at a future meeting.

Johnson commented on the trees that would have to be trimmed and removed along Central Avenue.

The Committee also supported signs being purchased for the new trees that would be planted in Sipe Park and at the City orchard.

B. DISCUSS 2020 YOUTH PROGRAMMING (SPORTS + LEGO/STEM)

Abts stated staff recommends the City continue to work with Revolutionary Sports for summer 2020 sports class programming. With the suggested purchase of adjustable height basketball hoops, RevSports is able to offer Basketball classes again in Osseo. John also suggests offering families a voucher for a future class following weather-related cancellations rather than scheduling make-up dates, as make-up days are not always fully utilized. Staff supports the cancellation voucher concept. With fewer weeks dedicated to make-up classes, it might be possible to add a third program session for late summer/early fall.

Abts reported RevSports also requests a modest 6% increase to the amount billed to the City (\$42.50 per student, rather than \$40). If the City kept the \$35 resident rate and \$50 non-resident rate charged in 2019, revenues should still cover increased programming costs (based on 2019 participation).

Abts commented additionally, at the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Conference she connected with a company called PlayWell TEKnologies that offers Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) programming in the form of Lego based engineering camps for ages 5-12. This is something the City could consider hosting in 2020 as well. Typically, the camps are offered in a half-day (3-hour) format for 5 days at a time. The minimum class size is 11 and the maximum is 24. The base pricing is \$125 per student for a 5-day program, so approximately \$25/day or a little over \$8 an hour.

Abts stated if the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to pursue offering a camp in 2020, staff would work with the company to finalize a proposal and develop an agreement between our organizations.

Johnson asked how much the adjustable basketball hoops would cost. Abts commented staff was working with RevSports to see about purchasing this equipment for next summer. She stated she did not yet have pricing.

Bonn recommended the basketball camp be offered twice next summer in order to better utilize the new basketball standards (if purchased) and that volleyball be dropped.

Johnson supported the City offering a Lego program next summer. He suggested the Fire Department room be used for this class. The Committee supported this recommendation.

Abts thanked the Committee for their feedback and noted this item could be brought to the Council for consideration in early 2020.

C. DISCUSS 2020 MUSIC & MOVIES IN THE PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Abts stated a subcommittee including Dee Bonn and Kerstin Schulz met on November 25 to discuss preliminary scheduling for 2020 Music & presentations in the Park events. The group identified several suggested dates for 2020 performances and events. Staff reviewed the proposed schedule with the Commission and requested comments or questions.

Johnson requested further information regarding the licensing fees. Abts discussed the performance licensing fees (ASCAP and BMI) that were paid by the City in 2019.

Johnson questioned who would be used for the singer/songwriter event. Abts reported staff was still working to secure several acoustic singer/songwriters for this date. She noted one of the possible acts had ties to the City of Osseo.

Johnson recommended the City attempt to secure the Hirsch family for an event in 2021 if it doesn't happen in 2020.

Further discussion ensued regarding the success of the entertainment that was held in 2019.

Quant believed the Committee had a good variety of music planned for the summer of 2020.

D. DISCUSS BOERBOOM PARK CLEANUP (Councilmember Johnson)

Johnson stated a volunteer cleanup event was held in May 2019 in Boerboom Park, prior to the Memorial Day ceremony. Osseo residents Dave and Roseanna Garibaldi continued to volunteer their time over the summer to continue to tend to the landscaping and flower in Boerboom Park and along Central Avenue. The City's proposed 2020 proposes hiring summer help (like the Garibaldis) to help with cleanup in the future. It was noted Public Works Director Nick Waldbillig reports that his team would be able to schedule additional tree trimming in the park in 2020 if needed.

Bonn suggested a Step To It day be utilized to clean up the City's parks and Main Street this spring.

Johnson recommended the shrubs around the memorial or monument be removed and replaced. Abts commented she could invite representatives from the American Legion to the February Park meeting if this project were to be discussed then. She noted she was hesitant to allocate funds for the replacement of the landscaping until further information was available regarding the future of this park.

E. DISCUSS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Abts reviewed the 2020 meeting schedule with the Commission. It was noted the next Parks and Recreation meeting would be held on February 4, 2020.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

Abts reported there would be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Abts encouraged all Osseo residents to attend Minidazzle which would be held on Friday, December 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Osseo.

Abts encouraged residents to participate in the Toys for Tots drive being sponsored by the Osseo Police Department through Monday, December 16th.

Abts stated the Osseo Lions Lunch with Santa would be held on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Osseo Community Center.

Abts explained there would be a Car Seat Clinic at the Public Works Facility on Tuesday, March 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

11. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS – None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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