



PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building, 230 10th St SW, Plainview, MN 55964

The Plainview Parks & Trails Commission meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Commissioners in attendance: Aaron Luckstein, Beau Hebert, Ben Jacobs, and Marlene Young. Absent: Carolyn Stelling, Jenny Schneider and Jason Hall. Staff in attendance: Shane Loftus.

Motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Hebert to approve the agenda. Passed 4/0.

Loftus gave an update on the parks and trails.

- The pool is closed for the summer due to COVID-19 and the city does not plan to open although some nearby pools are opening. Opening the pool at this point would not financially make sense, there is no staff to cover, it would take a month to get the pool ready to open, and the pool would then only be open for approximately five weeks.
- Loftus was approached by the mayor and a city council member about making improvements on the Greenwood Cemetery.
- The Eckstein Athletic Field is going to be sold to the school.
- The city parks are open, but the bathrooms are closed and large groups are not recommended. The shelter at Wedgewood Park is available for public use, but reservations are not being taken.

Hebert gave an update on the commission's Facebook page.

- The page has been created but is not public yet.
- Hebert will speak with MariClair Schneider about putting a link to the Facebook page on the City's website and Facebook page once the commission's page is public.
- Luckstein will look into creating an email for residents to be able to contact the commission.

Luckstein gave an update on the possibility of a natural playground and/or dog park.

- A natural park would be similar to one in Wabasha with rocks, a tunnel, and swings. The commission discussed possibilities for the location of this type of park in Plainview, which would require approximately 8,000 - 16,000 square feet.
- Dog parks have many positives but can also be controversial. Recommendation to avoid residential areas. Loftus mentioned that a 250 feet away setback from any residence had been mentioned in previous discussions. [LA(1)]Currently, the city does not own any land that fits this recommendation in addition to providing adequate acre, parking, access, etc. The city would need to purchase land.

Motion was made to adjourn by Hebert and seconded by Young. Passed 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.