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Fulton Park Board Minutes April 6, 2023

The Fulton Park Board met on April 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Legends Rec-Plex, 808 State St. Board members in attendance were: Shane Clines, Jane Hall, Chris Garrett, Rick Shiverdecker, Larry Doyle, Robert Wilson, Brenna Kemp, Wayne Bill, Kristy Jackson and absent were: Valerie Sebacher, Council Liaison. Others in attendance were: Clay Caswell Director of Parks & Recreation, Tara O'Shea, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, Renee Tyler, Director of Administration.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Call to Order

- Chris Garrett called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Comments from Visitors

- There were no comments from visitors

Announcements

- Clay Caswell announced that Samantha Schaefer has been promoted to Facility Supervisor and the department is now looking for a new Administrative Asst.

Old Business

A. Disc Golf Course Discussion

- a) As part of a continuing discussion on the feasibility of constructing a 2nd disc golf course, Clay Caswell presented the Board with a cost estimate for building a new course, as well as the needed infrastructure and amenities, at Tennyson Road Park. He stated that he had shared this information with the Disc Golf Club as they have expressed interest in raising money for such a project, but had not heard any feedback on it. Additionally, a suggestion was made to offer a youth disc golf league.

New Business

A. Tanglewood Cart Path Update

- a) Caswell mentioned that the Engineering Dept. had recently conducted an analysis of the cart path to rate the various problem areas from worst to best. He also stated that they have recently got informal estimates/proposals from a local asphalt contractor and a nation-wide company, with the estimates for replacing the entire 5 miles of path coming in at \$1,100,000 and \$687,000 respectively. Engineering is in the process of putting together an additional cost estimate for the project, if it was to be done with City labor, and if it was to be done in phases. The Board asked how long it would take and how it would affect golf operations during that time. Caswell stated that a contractor could probably do it in 2 weeks but he was unsure of how long it would take if done by City labor. He noted that that factor would be part of Engineering's final proposal. Once all information is collected and reviewed, a plan will be formulated.

B. Legends Rec-Plex Quarterly Report Jan-Mar. 2023

- a) Caswell provided the Board with a quarterly report for the Rec-Plex comparing the first quarter of 2023 to the first quarter of 2022. Caswell noted that he was very pleased with how the first part of the year was going. He stated that all the facility numbers were trending in the right direction, with Memberships up 42%, Facility Usage up 19-28%, and Facility Rental up 111%. He also stated that revenue was up 28% and expenses were down 12%. He felt like this was a positive start to 2023 and also stated that there was potential to continue to improve on those numbers by offering more programs and activities.

C. Fence near Memorial Park Splashpad

- a) Caswell presented the Board various options for placing a fence/barrier between the splash pad and 2nd st. at Memorial Park. He noted that this had been a topic of discussion among the City Council 2-3 times over

the past 5-6 years and it had most recently been brought up by Councilman Jeff Stone at a recent meeting. There was much discussion and varied opinions on what the best solution would be. Caswell stated that he had not received any complaints in that area and that maintenance staff have said that they have not seen any kids getting close to 2nd Street while at the splash pad. He also noted that the area, being a hillside and containing items such as a large transformer, flower bed and rock columns, tends to create a natural deterrent to going near 2nd Street. Some members expressed concern that with the new Justice Center across the street, that there might be increased traffic, causing safety issues. After much discussion, it was agreed that Caswell and his staff would monitor the area closely and talk with Engineering about a possible traffic study after the Center opens. A motion was made by Larry Doyle to that effect and seconded by Brenna Kemp. All present voted in favor of the motion.

D. Program Update

- a) Caswell, assisted by Tara O'Shea, provided the Board with an update on current and upcoming programs:

Current

Youth Tumbling Class
Zumba Class
Youth Kickball League

Upcoming

Adult Moonlight Easter Egg Hunt – 4/6
St. Louis Cardinals Trip – 4/13
Clean Sweep Saturday – 4/15
Mother/Son Dance – 4/28
Baseball/Softball Registration
Adult Co-Ed Softball Registration
Fulton Fins Registration
Summer Concert Series
Youth Sports Clinics with Westminster College

Other Business

- a) Caswell mentioned that half of the splash pad above ground features were being taken down and were to be powder coated. He stated that the other half were powder coated last year and the final half was being done this year. Scheduled opening is planned for May 5th.
- b) Chris Garrett inquired about how the golf course was doing. Caswell stated that business was good; noting that January and February were record months for revenue and March narrowly missed surpassing the all-time March revenue record, despite March being a rainy month.
- c) Garrett also asked about any sponsorship plans for the Rec-Plex. Caswell mentioned that they were working with a William Woods professor who is having his class work on a project that would research potential sponsorship, advertising, naming right options that Legends could pursue and how best to pursue them. Staff is anxiously awaiting the results of their project, noting that it could provide direction for starting to seek out financial support opportunities and partnerships.
- d) Caswell told the Board that Fulton has been selected as a finalist for the All-America City competition and that one of the highlights for the City was the Legend's Rec-Plex and the work that is being done with the After-School Program DOA Tyler provided more information about the competition stating that Fulton was the only Midwest city and it was an honor to be selected as a finalist. She also noted that Fulton was in a group of finalists that included much larger, major cities such as New York, NY, Dallas, TX, and Charlotte, NC. A representative group will present at the final competition in June, in Denver, CO.
- e) Kristy Jackson mentioned that she felt there was a need for more Park benches near playgrounds, specifically mentioning Murphy Field playground and Hockaday playground. She also felt that there was a need for more lighting at the rear entrance of the Legends Rec-Plex.
- f) There was some discussion on the City starting a new Strategic Plan. DOA Tyler provided some input on this topic, stating that the process was put on hold until after the April election in order for a new City Council and a new Mayor to be involved in the process. There is no definite time-line at this point, but it is anticipated that the discussions will start in the near future.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Tennyson Park Disc Golf Course Cost Estimate

BID ITEM	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Item Cost	Est. Labor Cost	TOTAL COST	
18-Hole Disc Golf Course at Tennyson Rd Park						
1	Disc Golf Baskets (18 + 2 extra)	20	\$ 400	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 800	\$ 8,800.00
2	Concrete Pads 6' x 8' x 4"	18	\$ 100	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,440	\$ 3,240.00
3	Parking - Gravel lot for approximatley 60 cars.	1	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00
4	Restroom	1	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,600	\$ 18,600.00
5	Utilities (water, sewer, electric)	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 480	\$ 1,480.00
6	Light Poles	4	\$ 500	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 640	\$ 2,640.00
7	Course Signage (master sign + 18 hole signs + posts)	19	\$ 50	\$ 950.00	\$ 360	\$ 1,310.00
8			\$ -	-		\$ -
9			\$ -	-		\$ -
10			\$ -	-		\$ -
TOTAL PROJECT COST			\$ 44,750.00	\$ 13,320	\$ 58,070.00	
				without Labor	\$ 44,750.00	

Legends Rec-Plex First Quarter Report

January 1 - March 31, 2023

Membership:	<u>1st Quarter 2023</u>	<u>1st Quarter 2022</u>	
Memberships:	723	509	Up 42%
Total Members:	1,395	1,134	Up 23%

Facility Usage/Visits:	<u>1st Quarter 2023</u>	<u>1st Quarter 2022</u>	
Average Daily Visitors:	230	179	Up 28%
Average Monthly Usage:	6,892	5,383	Up 28%
Average Monthly 24/7 Access:	1,208	1,010	Up 19%
Year to Date Total Visitors:	20,667	16,148	Up 28%

Facility Rental:	<u>1st Quarter 2023</u>	<u>1st Quarter 2022</u>	
Total Rentals:	386	183	Up 111%

Revenue/Expense:
<i>Revenue is up 28% compared to 1st Quarter of 2022.</i>
<i>Expenses are down 12% compared to 1st Quarter 2022.</i>



Cost: \$7,550

Advantages: Aesthetically pleasing - less of an eyesore
Easy to install on rolling terrain

Disadvantages: Not an absolute barrier

Items to Consider:

- **Do you want a deterrence or an absolute barrier?**
- Splashpad is 35' - 65' from road.
- The City has 5 playgrounds that are 50' or less from a road or parking lot.
- There are many natural barriers in place: hillside, columns, transformers, flower beds, etc.
- Will a fence or barrier detract from the openness or visual appearance of the park?
- Consideration needs to be given to the large amount of underground utilities in that area: water, stormwater, electric, telephone, cable
- Maintenance issues: more weed eating required
- Length of fence needs to run majority of 2nd St. in order to avoid creating a more dangerous situation, where a child may go around fence and create a greater distance/time for an adult to get to the child.
- Are kids really being drawn away from the splashpad towards the road?

Other Options

- **Chain Link Fence** Cost: \$8,500.
Concerns: Appearance, terrain, utilities, maintenance
- **Speed Bumps**
- **Turn intersection of Nichols St. and 2nd St. into a 4-way stop**
- **"Children at Play" signs and/or flashing lights**
- **Landscape Boulders:** \$1500-300/ton Tons needed: ??
- **Landscape Rock Wall:** \$8,000-9,000
- **Wrought Iron Fence Panels:** \$9,000-10,000



