

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
May 12, 2020

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on May 12, 2020, at 5:33 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Rory Wiebel, Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman and Roman Meyers. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Eagle Scout volunteer, Luke Stephens. Sandra Fleckenstein was absent.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Meyers second by Hoffman to approve agenda. Motion carries. Fleckenstein absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from March 10, 2020. Motion by Meyers, second by Wiebel to approve minutes. Motion carries. Fleckenstein absent.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - April 15, 2020 to May 15, 2020. Siders gave his monthly report.
5. Presentation of Eagle Scout project by Luke Stephens, a portable mini-golf course for the LBC. Luke introduced his proposed project he and Matt Siders have been discussing, including proposed design and price estimates. Board members gave feedback in the framing of the golf holes. Luke is going to do some research and return to the Board with more information.
6. City of Mount Vernon Trails projects review. Nature Park trail and the MVWWC trail are out for bid reviews. Hoping to hear more feedback by next Parks and Recreation Board meeting, including price for glow rock, location of rock and subsequent lighting.
7. Discussion regarding Parks, Pool, and LBC opening. Siders shared with the Board about the opening of the dog park and disc golf course as well as proposed measures if certain areas are open via Public Health and the State of Iowa. Noted that the social distancing measure plays into how facilities can open and if groups, including t-ball and coach pitch can be available. Pool facilities will be a challenge with a shortened season, including the possibility of an early start to the school year.
8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).

9. Old Business. Poduska brought up the monies donated by community businesses instead of taking a refund from the virtual Chalk the Walk. Wishes the Board to look into where to use these funds. Meyers suggested using the fund for a matching grant and will look into it.

10. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m., May 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Poduska, Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board Chair