

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
June 10, 2020

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on June 10, 2020, at 5:31 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman and Roman Meyers. Absent: Rory Wiebel and Sandra Fleckenstein. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Meyers, seconded by Hoffman to approve agenda.
2. Approval of the Minutes from May 12, 2020. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Meyers to approve minutes.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.

Wiebel arrives.

4. Directors Report. All City parks, fields, playgrounds and shelters are now open. The Governor came out with a new proclamation today that allows 100% capacity at the wellness center and also allowing swimming pools to open up. Last week, City Council voted to close the pool for the summer. It will be a discussion item again at next week's Council meeting so it could change. Siders is concerned if the pool does open that he will not have sufficient staff. T-ball, coach pitch, player pitch and blastball have all been canceled for the season. We are still hoping to have flag football and soccer in the fall. The first week of the LBC re-opening was slow but is starting to pick back up. Siders will be looking into childrens recreation activities at the wellness center.
5. City of Mount Vernon Trails bid review. Siders reported there were 5 bids for the Wellness Center trails project. Bids came in at between \$248,000 and \$316,000. There were two bids for the Nature Park project. There will be meetings coming up to discuss both projects. Contracts were awarded by Council to Rathje and EIC.
6. Discussion regarding Parks, Pool, and LBC re-opening. There have been no annual memberships canceled due to COVID19 and very few monthly memberships. Before the center closed due to the pandemic, there was on average about 250 people that visited the center per day. Now it is roughly around 90. Council will discuss additional recommendations at their meeting on Monday.
7. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). The project at Davis Park for the lights and concession stand has been put on hold due to those funds being allocated to a business assistance program that was approved by Council.

8. Old Business.

9. New Business. Siders is working with Dale Merrill on a metal piece of artwork for the front of the wellness center as well as one for the entryway to the community gardens. There was a small water leak at the wellness center that has been fixed. Damage to the walkway from a power washer is being looked into.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m., June 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk