

**ZUMBROTA PARK BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
ZUMBROTA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oath of Office- Fred Raasch

2. APPROVE MINUTES

3. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4. POOL MANAGER REPORT

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Trelstad Park Discussion

B. Pool Discussion

D.

E.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Quin Mulder- Scout Project

B. Troy Ness- Ballfield Discussion

C. Memorial Day Field of Honor Request

D. Compassionate Friends Rochester Area Chapter Bench Donation

E. Katie Kennedy

F. Sarah Nelson Request

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7. ADJOURN

ZUMBROTA PARK BOARD
MONDAY, April 1, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
ZUMBROTA CITY HALL

PRESENT: Members, Kevin Hein, Alicia Mullholland, Fred Raasch, Aaron Wichmann, Council Liaison Dave Dahlen, Administrator Neil Jenson, Pool Manager Kia Solberg, Staff Mike Olson and Cindy Thompson. A sign-in sheet was passed around for others in attendance for various requests.

OATH OF OFFICE

Fred Raasch signed the Oath of Office for a three year term ending 12-31-2020.

AGENDA

The Board will focus on the New Business first to allow attendees to speak first per Chairperson Kevin Hein.

NEW BUSINESS

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT-QUINN MULDER

Quinn Mulder was in attendance, along with his parents Luke and Melissa Mulder to discuss his Eagle Scout Project. Quinn explained he would like to replace approximately 10 benches along the walking trail which are badly in need of repair. He handed out drawings of dimensions of his proposed plan and explained he would need approximately \$1500 for the project which he plans on fundraising. The Board was very appreciative of the Eagle Scout Project. **MOTION** by Wichmann, second by Mullholland to approve Quinn Mulder's Eagle Scout Project proposal. Carried unanimously. Mulder will coordinate the project with Public Works Director Mike Olson.

TROY NESS –BALLFIELD DISCUSSION

Troy Ness and Dan Johnson were in attendance to discuss maintenance of the Ballfields. The Middle School, (grades 4th, 5th and 6th), use the fields for practice and games. The City mows the fields and the school helps maintain them for the school's use of them. Troy, on behalf of a group of middle school parents, requested funds for ag-lime in the amount of \$960. The volunteers will spread the lime. The group would also like to see the dug-outs, which are sets of benches, improved with concrete floor and covers over the benches. Materials would cost approx. \$1700 a dug-out. The Board discussed addressing the first issue of ag-lime and inviting the group back to further discuss the dug-outs. **MOTION** by Mullholland, second by Wichmann to approve \$960.00 to purchase ag-lime for the ballfields. Carried unanimously. The group was invited back to a future meeting to discuss dug-outs.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD OF HONOR

The City received a verbal request from Howard Ayen, of the VFW, to approve the Memorial Day Field of Honor in the Covered Bridge Park. **MOTION** by Mullholland, second by Wichmann to approve the VFW Memorial Day Field of Honor in the Covered Bridge. Carried unanimously.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS ROCHESTER AREA CHAPTER BENCH DONATION

Darwyn and Mary Tri informed the Board about Compassionate Friends, an organization for families that have experienced the death of a child. The Tri family would like to donate a bench with “The Compassionate Friends” plaque supporting other families who have lost children. Mike Olson will work with the Tris to locate a suitable place for the bench. The City will construct the concrete pad. **MOTION** to approve and accept the Tri family donation of The Compassionate Friends memorial bench. Carried unanimously.

KATIE KENNEDY-BLESSING BOXES

A committee representing “Stabilize Zumbrota-Mazeppa Families” operates under the Zumbrota Community Trust and also partners with the School. Committee member Katie Kennedy addressed the Board regarding the idea of placing Blessing Boxes in the area parks. Blessing boxes are small structures where people leave donated goods for others to pick up anonymously. The contents could include nonperishable items such as toiletries. These donated items help short term basic needs for those who don’t always have access to them. The moto is Take what you need, give what you can. The Board agreed it was a wonderful good-will idea, but necessarily didn’t think the parks would be a good fit for the boxes. They suggested somewhere with more light such as the Library, outside the Food Shelf or in a smaller well lit Park. Unfortunately the Parks have proven to be a place for vandalism. Kennedy thanked the Board for their input.

SARAH NELSON REQUEST

A letter was received from Sarah Nelson requesting setting up a tent for approx. 100 people in the Covered Bridge Park on July 14, 2018 for her wedding. **MOTION** by Mullholland, second by Wichmann to approve the request of Sarah Nelson to set up a wedding tent in the Covered Bridge Park on July 14, 2018. Carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION by Wichmann, second by Mullholland to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2018 meeting and the minutes of the February 1, 2018 City Council Work Session. Motion carried.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION by Mullholland, second by Wichmann to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$1,039.24. Carried unanimously.

POOL MANAGER REPORT

Pool Manager Kia Solberg introduced herself to the Board. Her Pool Reports included sessions for lessons, registration dates, and class times. Pool opening will be Monday, June 4 and closing Sunday, August 19. The prices are staying the same as 2017. Kia reported she was asked by the Pine Island School Superintendent Community Ed Director about blocking out a time slot for Pine Island kids. Pine Island is building a new pool therefore will not have a pool open this summer. With time slots blocked out for ZM Cougar Care there may not be enough room. She asked if it’s possible to offer an evening time for lessons, which would make more openings for lessons. The Board liked the idea and encouraged evening lesson times. Some of the guards are interested in teaching evening lessons. She has 9 confirmed WSI instructors and 13 lifeguards at

this time. She will keep accepting applications. Sarah and Pat Bronk will offer lifeguard and WSI training to new lifeguards and renew certifications May 31- June 3rd.

MOTION by Wichmann, second by Mullholland to approve the Pool Manager report. Carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

TRELSTAD PARK DISCUSSION

Administrator Jensen reported the last time he talked to the property owner who has land adjacent to the Trelstad addition, the price went up to \$25,000 an acre. The property is not developed and at this time too costly to consider. Jensen also explained in the future they may have a new developer interested. Developers of new subdivisions are mandated to designate park land. The owner of the property has not gotten back with interest of selling. The designated park land for the Trelstad addition consists of a walking trail underneath the power lines which eventually will connect to existing trails on the east side of the development and a hill beneath the water tower. Neither are good prospects for a park.

POOL DISCUSSION

The Board discussed options for gathering public input to see if there is interest in construction a new pool. Dave Dahlen suggested writing a letter to the Editor to get public feedback on a pool. Administrator Jensen explained to the Board how the process of such an undertaking would proceed. An open discussion forum at the June meeting was mentioned. After much debate the Board asked Administrator Jensen to contact USAquatics, a pool evaluation and design company, to make a presentation. Jensen will look into contacting one more company which could give a presentation.

Public Works Director Olson informed the Board he's not sure what direction to take on the baby pool. He is not sure if cutting the floor to fix broken pipes will solve all the issues with the pool. Olson will look further for more options and do as he thinks best. **MOTION** by Mullholland, second by Wichmann to direct Administrator Jensen to invite USAquatics to the next meeting for a presentation on pool options. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wichmann, second by Mullholland to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be at City Hall, 6:00 pm, May 7, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.