

ZUMBROTA PARK BOARD
Monday July 1st, 2024, 6 PM
ZUMBROTA CITY HALL

PRESENT: Board Members Mike Schulte, Mary Goplen, and Kayla Gifford. Communications Specialist & Account Technician Miranda Raasch, City Administrator Brian Grudem, and Pool Manager Anne Thompson. Community Members Bryce Frederick, Charlie Nelson, Leah Wichmann Hinz, Roger Hinz, and Jayne Miller.

NOT PRESENT: Bob Prigge, Aaron Wichmann, Troy Ness

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION GIFFORD, second GOPLEN to approve the agenda as written. Carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION GIFFORD, second GOPLEN to approve the meeting minutes from Monday June 3rd, 2024. Carried unanimously.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION GOPLEN, second GIFFORD to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$8,084.00. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Radke spoke to the board regarding his concerns for the campground expansion. His opposition for this was because we need a new pool and does not agree with having camping where it floods. He said it becomes a waste of time, money, and energy. Charlie Nelson stated that he would like to know what the net profit of the campground is each year. He also stated he feels the Park Board has not been very transparent regarding this project. It was stated that they would rather see the money from this expansion go towards the pool. It was expressed that the park budget and pool budget are two separate budget lines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PRIORITY LIST

DUGGOUTS – The plans have been approved by MNSPECT as of 06/28/2024.

SWIMMING POOL – Grudem provided an update from the Pool Campaign Committee. They are currently discussing a Facebook page for promotional material. They are also going to start running some “Letters to the Editor.” Local media stations are also going to be contacted to see if they would do stories about needing a new pool.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

2025 Budget was postponed to August 2024 meeting. The Park Board will review the budget for approval next meeting.

TREE REMOVAL IN EAST PARK

Mary Goplen is requesting we remove a large, dead Evergreen tree in the SW corner of East Park. City Staff will obtain an estimate for the August 2024 meeting.

MOTION GOPLEN, second GIFFORD to obtain estimates to present at next months meeting. Carried unanimously.

CHAMPA PROPERTY – PARK LAND DEDICATION

Administration, along with the City Engineer has been working with Tammy and John Champa on a land transfer to accommodate a new road extending from Jefferson Dr. up to 9th Street East. This effort is intended to provide a paved road to the Trelstad Development area as well as the new Christ Lutheran Ministry Center. See the attached plan for the proposed road layout. The land transfer is 1.91 acres of which the road and trail areas will use approximately an acre of land. The Champa's are going to develop 6 lots soon with the potential of another 22 +/-lots in the future. They have requested that .91 acres of the transferred land satisfy the "Parkland Dedication" requirements for the proposed development.

Based on the potential 28 lots, they would be required to dedicate ~.825 Acres or 36,000 square feet for parkland dedication. The proposed area would be graded as part

of the city project and be ready for a potential trailhead, playground or whatever else the park board would like to use the land for in the future. The proposed area is highlighted on the attached plan. The park board does have the ability to ask for cash in lieu of land. The dollar amount is difficult to calculate because it only say's "The required cash contribution shall be based on the current value of improved land as determined by the city council." Looking at past cash in lieu payment, it appears that +/- \$225 per lot has been requested. This would result in approximately \$6,300 for this instance.

Administration recommends approving the proposed dedication of approximately .91 acres to satisfy the parkland dedication for the future Champa development which includes 6 lots to be completed soon and 22+/-more in the future.

The board requested seeing if any trees could be saved during the grading process. Staff will inquire.

MOTION GOPLIN, second GIFFORD to accept the offer of .91 acres on the Champa Property as "Park Land Dedication." Carried unanimously.

2025 INTERNATIONAL MODEL T TOUR

The Model T Ford Club International will be holding its annual tour July 20-25, 2025, based out of Owatonna, MN. Each day, hundreds of Models T's will be visiting surrounding communities and driving country roads. On Monday July 21, a tentative tour is planned to visit Kenyon and Zumbrota. In each community, several hundred Model T drivers, families and enthusiasts will be exploring what is available to see and do along the tour route and in the towns they pass. These members are from every state in the USA, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Along the tour routes they will spend time and money to enhance their vacation and tour experience.

Zumbrota was chosen because of its beautiful setting in the Zumbro River valley, including the featured Covered Bridge, boutique shopping and easy accessibility to necessities such as gas, food, hardware stores and auto parts dealers. We hope the friendly atmosphere in Zumbrota will extend to these old car enthusiasts, their families, and guests. In return, Zumbrota can view these old cars, many over one hundred years young, see how they work, and learn about the 15 million cars Henry Ford created.

The tentative timeline is that the cars will leave Owatonna about noon on the 21st, arrive in Kenyon between 1-2 PM, spend some time there, and start arriving in Zumbrota between 1:30 and 2 PM. They will probably stay in Zumbrota about 2-3 hours and head back to Owatonna by 4:30-5 PM.

While in town, they hope to gather at the Covered Bridge Park for refreshments, pictures, and shopping. They anticipate bringing in some outhouses, having a local restaurant supply treats under a portable canopy, have stock tanks of bottled water available and use the soccer field NE of the bridge for pictures. They would like the city to supply any police coverage that may be needed for traffic control or to meet crowd requirements.

MOTION GOPLEN, second GIFFORD to pay for an outhouse for the day for this event. Carried unanimously.

REPORTS

POOL – Thompson informed the board that she was able to get through to the Red Cross and sent out the instructions to fix their certifications. She has also made a document listing the perishable items the pool supplies each year as well as a list of the reusable items we have and items that need to be disposed of.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION GOPLEN, second GIFFORD to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday August 5th, 2024, at 6 PM at City Hall.