

ZUMBROTA PARK BOARD
MONDAY AUGUST 2nd, 2021
6 P.M.
ZUMBROTA CITY HALL
REMOTE MEETING DUE TO PANDEMIC

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVE AGENDA
3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 6th, 2021
4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. CAMPGROUND DESIGN DISCUSSION – ZILLGIT
 - B. ZUMBRO REGIONAL WATER TRAIL
 - C.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. TREE TREATMENT – EMERALD ASH BORER
 - B. SKATE PARK DISCUSSION
 - C. PARK LAND DISCUSSION (AREA NEAR KWIK TRIP) – F.RAASCH
 - D. GOODHUE CO FAIR – OVERFLOW PARKING REQUEST
 - E. SOFTBALL FIELD DUGOUTS
 - F.
7. ADJOURN

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PRESENT: Members Fred Raasch, Mike Schulte, Troy Ness, and Kayla Gifford. City Council Representative Chris Horvath, Communications Specialist & Account Technician Miranda Raasch, Public Works Director Mike Olson, and Pool Manager Anne Idler.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION GIFFORD, second SCHULTE to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION GIFFORD, second NESS to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday July 6th, 2021. Carried unanimously.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION NESS, second GIFFORD to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$130,994.45. Carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAMPGROUND DESIGN DISCUSSION

Olson requested permission to move forward with hiring an engineer to design the campground. A design needs to be done in order to submit a grant request. Olson recommended either our current city engineers, WHKS, or KLJ Engineering in Zumbrota.

MOTION SCHULTE, second GIFFORD to approve the hiring of the engineer that City staff sees fit to design the new campground layout. Carried unanimously.

ZUMBROTA REGIONAL WATER TRAIL

Schulte sent an email to the leader of this group and has yet to get a response from them.

POOL UPDATE

Idler stated that she has been receiving a lot of positive feedback regarding the refurbishment. The 3rd session of swimming lessons started today. She estimated there has been around 12 pool parties so far.

Olson provided an update on the cost of the refurbishment for the pool done by Thatcher Pools & Spas. The project, in total, cost about \$110,000.

NEW BUSINESS

TREE TREATMENT – EMERALD ASH BORER

F.Raasch spoke with Jon Stelzner who works with Dakota County Soil and Water (specializing in trees) who recommended to begin replacing any ash trees in the park rather than treat them. All the trees along the main park road are ash trees. Raasch will reach out to his contact and have them attend a meeting to discuss options.

SKATE PARK DISCUSSION

Olson is waiting for a call back from the original builder of the skate park. The City received a complaint regarding the condition of the wood on the skate park. The wood needs to be replaced and costs around \$200 per sheet.

PARK LAND DISCUSSION (AREA BY KWIK TRIP)

F.Raasch wanted to revisit a prior discussion regarding new signage in this area. Mike Meyer from Mazeppa drew a rough draft of a sign a few years ago that Raasch presented as an example. It would promote local attractions such as the historic downtown and the Covered Bridge. Another option that was discussed would be an area on the sign that temporary banners could be placed to advertise upcoming events. This will continue to be an ongoing discussion.

GOODHUE CO FAIR – OVERFLOW PARKING REQUEST

Chuck Schwartau, Goodhue County Fair Secretary, sent an email request to M.Raasch requesting the Park Board consider allowing the fair to use the commuter lot by the softball fields as well as the snow lot by the skate park as overflow parking during the County Fair on 08/10/2021 to 08/14/2021. They are anticipating larger than normal numbers for attendance. MOTION NESS, second SCHULTE to approve the use of the 2 requested City lots for overflow parking. Carried unanimously.

SOFTBALL FIELD DUGOUTS

Ness proposed the following photo as an example of dugouts that the local Youth Baseball program would like to put up at the City Softball Fields:



They have some funds to contribute towards the project but would like to request funds from the Park Board for assistance. The total estimated cost for the project is \$27,981 for 4 dugouts. Having dugouts would be a step towards being able to host tournaments at the fields. Staff will see where the Park Board funds stand and report back at the September 2021 meeting. Ness stated they have roughly \$4,300 currently, so they could begin some work this Fall without knowing what the Park Board can contribute.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT

A local resident wanted the Park Board to be aware that there are a few issues with Kids Kingdom that she has reported twice and had yet to be taken care of. The sand box was lacking sand, there is a broken bridge and loose. At the time of the meeting, the sand box had since been refilled and the other issue is in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 13th, 2021.

MOTION SCHULTE, second GIFFORD to adjourn meeting at 7:51 PM. Carried unanimously.