

CITY OF ELKO
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M., P.S.T. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS / CITY HALL
1751 COLLEGE AVE., ELKO, NEVADA

CALL TO ORDER

Colby Curtis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Lynett Davis
Jim Conner
Michelle Smith
Amber Fox
Cloby Curtis
Fred Beitia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 18, 2019

**** A motion was made by Amber Fox, seconded by Fred Beitia, to approve the minutes on July 18, 2019.**

Motion Passed. (6-1)
Michelle Smith Abstained.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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No comments were made by the general public.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, discussion and consideration of potential future priority projects for the Parks and Recreation Departments and matters related thereto. NON ACTION ITEM, FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

This item is on the agenda to allow the public and the Advisory Board the opportunity to review and discuss potential project priorities within the Parks and Recreation Departments. An item will be placed on the agenda at a subsequent meeting in January of 2020 for possible action.

James Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director, said this meeting will be narrowing down the ideas for the new budget. He said he had a list for the potential projects. He recommends setting aside \$50,000.00 a year to avoid any major repairs for asphalt preventive maintenance. The weed abatement program has started and was funded by the general fund and will need to be funded by recreation funds in the future. He recommended to set aside \$40,000.00 for the weed abatement program. The plan for the property granted next to the 5th Street Park is to construct a parking lot with pavement, lighting, sidewalk, curb and gutter. There is currently no budget on constructing the parking lot. Bob Thibault and Mr. Wiley will be narrowing down the budget and will prepare a budget in January 2020 meeting. He estimates the budget to be around \$400,000.00. The swimming pool will need plastering due to aging and the estimated cost would be around \$350,000.00. There is not be enough money in the recreation fund to tackle all the projects next year. He said several projects have been differed year after year and he does not want those projects to be forgotten. It was recommended by past council that the focus should be on a new swimming pool aquatic facility for the community. The rough estimate would be \$18-20 million dollars. This will rely on council direction and community input to see if this will be implemented.

Michelle Smith said that she and Nikki Johnson, Swimming Pool Manager, attended a build a pool conference to address the cost of building a new swimming pool aquatic facility. USA Swimming is offering a feasibility study. The study that was completed a few years ago was not completed by someone who specializes in swimming pool facilities. The City of Elko can get another study completed for free through USA Swimming.

Mr. Wiley said the big upfront cost would be the design, engineering and architecture. A community member has suggested a splash park in Angel Park. The community member is currently working with the Elko Park Foundation. He believes it is a good way to go and until it is decided, he recommended putting grass down in the area. He estimated the cost to be around \$20,000.00. Stitzel Park has been on the list and keeps getting differed. He estimated the cost to be \$150,000.00. Six years ago the City of Elko was working through a grant program by Flagview that included a portion of the Warnick Football Complex. Everything was completed except the football complex. He estimated the cost around \$2-3 million dollars. There had been recent community input about a dog park in Elko but currently there is no plan. The most recent responsibility is Sno Bowl and advised it cannot be ignored. They will be hiring an additional full-time employee opening this winter. The golf course has financial woes that are serious. This item is on the agenda for the City Council. He suggested prioritizing and thinking long term for January.

Kisty Newman, Lamoille, said she started a dog park in Lamoille and is in support of Elko having a dog park. Dr. Cuthbertson, Elko Veterinary Clinic and Karen Walther, Elko Animal Shelter Manager is backing this program. She is wanting to be a lead volunteer. She said the sports complex would be ideal because most cities

have dog parks within the sports complexes. She also suggested the 5th street soccer park. Having a dog park brings the community together, supports the animal shelter, veterinarians, provides parks for tourism and promotes home sales. The community is in support of a dog park and the people are willing to help.

Darcy Shelton, 2232 North Hollow Dr., said she takes her dogs to baseball fields often and there is concern from parents that dog feces are not picked up properly. A dog park is something to consider because tourists are searching for a dog park when staying in Elko.

Joe Carr, Park Superintendent, said he supports a dog park in the City of Elko. He said that there are a lot of people that do not pick up after their dogs. The City of Elko has installed new baggie stations in Mountain View, 5th Street Park and Peace Park. It would be beneficial to have a specific place for the dogs instead of having athletic fields for the dogs. He also feels that safety can also be concern in managing the park when looking at a larger picture.

Stephan Goring, 1661 5th Street, said he thinks that educating the public about spreading the transmission of disease would be a good message to get the community buy in to clean up after their pet.

Mr. Wiley felt the 5th Street Park would be a great start for a dog park. The Sports Complex may have opportunity in the future. He thanked the community for their comments.

Mr. Curtis asked Mr. Wiley the costs for a dog park to be set up in the community.

Mr. Wiley answered developing on raw ground would not be feasible. He likes the idea of focusing on 5th Street Park because the infrastructure is already built. The Sports Complex is a good idea, however, it would be undeveloped and would be very costly.

Mr. Curtis asked if the weed abatement with the goats is a yearly project the City of Elko is performing.

Mr. Wiley answered it is ongoing. He said he is confident that the goats are the most efficient way to control the weeds in the undeveloped parks.

Mr. Curtis asked Mr. Wiley about the striping on Mountain View Park because it is in dire need to be repaired.

Mr. Wiley answered this year the allotment was already spent and the focus was on crack sealing and patch work. Next year they will be focusing on resurfacing and restriping.

II. REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

1. Report on the status of the Elko Sports Complex

Mr. Wiley said that the sports complex is finished with a few minor punch list items that need to be completed. He said that the total project was brought in at budget.

2. Report on the Ruby View Golf Course

Mr. Wiley had advised that there is a huge deficient of \$188,000.00. The bar, restaurant, the pro shop and the driving range revenue currently goes to the Golf Pro. He advised that this is something to take a serious look at to have a successful course for the future to work financially. City Council will be discussing the Golf Pro contract on their next meeting.

Mr. Curtis asked if the \$188,000.00 deficient is for the year.

Mr. Wiley advised that the deficient is current.

3. Report from the Pool Manager

Nikki Johnson said that the pool is now opened as of June 17, 2019. They were able to offer four sessions for swimming lessons. The swimming team is back at 110 swimmers.

4. Report from the Parks Superintendent

Joe Carr said that the summer was busy with the Sports Complex. It was a successful summer and they are getting prepared for the winter.

5. Report from the Recreation Manager

Toby Handcock said the Elko Explorers are doing very well and the enrollment has doubled. Family skate night is back and will be offered once a month on every third Friday. There is a Pumpkin Bob and Trunk or Treat that will be a good fundraiser for the Receptions Department. There will be other seasonal events such as the Festival of Trees, photos with Santa, Snowflake Festival and Santa's Workshop. They will also be opening registration for adult basketball in. The indoor soccer club would like to have an annual soccer tournament starting next spring. The concession at the Sports Complex will be managed by the Recreation Department.

B. Board Reports

No Report.

III. SCHEDULE THE NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2019.

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There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Wiley', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James Wiley

Parks and Recreation Director