MEETING NOTES WEDNESDAY, August 8, 2018 @ 7:00PM JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER

Board Members Present: Linda Rose, Walt Kaiser, Rev. Robinson, Robert Shoemaker, Carole

Webb and Andre Hill

Not in attendance: Ben Eye, Tim Gorry and Monica Wideman

City Attendance: Cheryl Thompson and Beth Goldstein.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting began at 7:04 p.m. All in attendance approved minutes as

written.

Splash Pad Project – Cheryl gave explanation of proposal for the grant. The city will be using Capri Pool or Westport Pools to come up with a proposal for the grant. Now we are just looking for a price. Council and Pool Committee asked for \$8,000 for further testing at Koch and also Bangert to be tested at the end of the season to see the life expediency for this pool. When the testing was completed at Koch it was determined it would cost over a million dollars for repairs to a 23 year old pool. Council and the pool committee met and determined that it would be too costly to repair a 23 year old facility. They would like to start with a splash pad; it will be in the front of Koch to the left of the restrooms. You have to have a restroom within 300 or 400 feet of a splash pad. So the existing restroom will meet those guidelines. The grant is due August 31st. We can get up to \$525,000 for the grant. After Bangert is tested and they have results they will look at a what direction the city will take on additional pool facities.

The Park Board and residents had a discussion on pros and cons of a Splash Pad.

Also discussed was a location of a new facility.

Linda suggested having a sign of all the rules for the Splash Pad at the front entrance.

Citizen Participation: Participated in Splash Pad discussion.

Report from the Director of Parks & Recreation:

- Will be meeting with SWT a design firm next week on their findings on the lake and a future proposal on renovations to the lake at St. Ferdinand
- Bangert pool is now open weekends only. We will have limited classes normally held at JJE along with OARS using the pool during the next couple of week.
- Back to School Party was held last Friday night at Bangert Pool with approximately 45 people attended. Staff is looking at other alternatives for a special event next year.
- The report on the findings on Koch came in and the council pool committee met and determined that it would be too costly to repair a 23 year old facility. Thus, the grant that will be submitted the end of this month will be for a splash pad to be put in Koch Park.
- Staff is working hard on getting budgets submitted along with the end of the year projections.

- Work is supposed to begin next week on new tile in the Arts & Crafts Room along with the small meeting room on Monday at JFK Center. However it just found out today that the company has not turned in the required submittals in order for a P.O. to be issued. So it is unsure when this work will begin.
- The Doggie Pool Party will be at Bangert Sept. 7th, 6:30 8:30 and Sept. 8th 10 a.m. 12 noon.
- The annual Suicide Prevention 5 K Glow Run is approaching and if anyone knows someone or a business that would like to help sponsor please have them call Beth Carr at the JFK Center.
- Former Mayor Lowery's funeral luncheon was held last Friday at JFK.

Announcements:

Communications: Carole asked about updating the restroom at Bangert. She received an email from a resident asking if there were plans to redo restroom at Bangert Pool.

New Business: Members discussed items they would like in 2018 City Budget. Suggestions were expression swing, rock climbing tunnel, outdoor chess tables, bike trail with markings of history throughout the city, fitness zone, parent swing, larger dog park that is open to the public, book share boxes throughout the city, ninja warrior equipment, youth flag football, hillside slide, signs for food allergy awareness at playgrounds and signs for do not feed the ducks.

Walt asked for an update on Manion Park with an accessible playground. The members discussed other municipalities that have them and how they were funded.

Andre asked how involved the Park Board is with schools and youth in the area. Cheryl explained what the city has done over the years to try and get the youths involved in the city. She gave him information on the Youth Advisory Board.

Unfinished Business:

Adjournment: Carole made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. and was seconded by Robert.

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