

MINUTES
Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission
April 22, 2024 at 6:00PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

Call to Order: Kyle McGurk called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm

Roll Call: Kyle McGurk, Caleb LeBow, Mike Nimmo and Danielle Edwards were present. Adam Walker was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Caleb LeBow motioned to approve agenda as written. Seconded by Mike Nimmo. All in favor? Yay (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

February 27, 2024 & March 25, 2024 minutes. Mike Nimmo motioned to table approve of the minutes until Adam is present. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All in favor? Yay (4). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. ARDOT Tap Grant Update:** Caleb LeBow presented. I don't have any news. I haven't seen received anything from Crafton, ARDOT or the City. Mayor: So, we met with Luke Jost on Thursday last week and the only thing that ARDOT is waiting on is the 100% final plans. So, he had all of that ready to turn in. The only things that we had to get is the deductive alternatives for the park benches. This isn't the design for those, so I've got to get him in touch with the people that install those, so they can come up with a design plan on it. But he said that all that should be done and he should have it ready in within the next two weeks. And then once that's done. We will submit that to Ashley and I told him I will follow up with Ashley so that we make sure that I'm on ARDOT to get it done. One of the things on the wildlife line that we did remove is the screening around the outside, because the city can pay for that. It's one of the things that I would rather you guys do the design and do it the way you want versus having it put into the ARDOT grant and then it not be done right. So, all the cedar posts, the roof and the concrete will be done. But as far as the exterior, like, cedar and stuff that you guys wanted to put on, the city will just take that out of the park budget, and you guys can do it through that. Kyle: moving it all forward. Is there anything we need to take action on tonight? Mayor: No. Everything's already done. It's basically, following the budget you guys set for everything. It's already designed the way you guys laid it out. Kyle stated the bridge would be 20 weeks lead time, from the contract award.
- B. Disc Golf Layout:** Caleb LeBow presented. It's out there and installed and good to use. It looks nice. Mary: So, it's going to stay just kind of all lined up in their opposite parking? Caleb: Yes, right now, at the moment. A lot of comment from everyone that had played or tried to come out and play all kind of asked about dropping it down there.

So, yeah, it seems to be a little bit easier for kids and families. Kyle: Yeah. And I think this is still a temporary location and the usage of it is going to be still pretty minimal to the point where it won't cause erosion.

- C. Highland Gravel Classic:** Kyle McGurk presented. Mayor: Bruce, came by today. We walked through the plan of everything. We are providing spaghetti dinner. We've cooked enough meat sauce for 350 people. We anticipate the first racer to be back by 10.30. We'll have food ready. We've got a good group of volunteers that are going to help to feed everybody. Their hospitality team is doing the salad and bread. I'm going to Sam's on Thursday to pick up bananas, oranges, utensils and water. Mike: are they providing containers and ice to keep the water cool? Kyle: They said they have big Gatorade containers that they were responsible for water and Gatorade. Mayor: Lacie has reached out to a food truck; she has not heard back yet.

New Business

- A. Academic Collection & Study of Plants/Animal:** Mary Smith presented. In the past three years, we've had numerous university groups here at the park, herpetology, entomology, herbarium, herbarium spring collection in the spring and fall and how we benefit from that. I've been going out with these classes almost every time they've been here. And they're going to keep coming back in the spring and the fall, and I'm fine with going and doing that. I don't know how long. I'm kind of thinking I want to be proactive for the future. You know, somebody can drive up and tell Lacie that I'm from X, Y, and Z. Or they can just drive out there and start doing stuff. And then the police may accompany them if they're digging stuff. If we see people digging in the park, somebody may call it in. Because we've had people going out there and get mushrooms and morels and stuff like that. So, I just want a procedure in place. That procedure would be that if they have a legitimate research or educational thing, they will file for a permit. And I'm happy to handle that and design it and get the names and contacts. I've already started on the herbarium. They'll file for a permit where? They would have to bring it to the Parks Commission and then be filed at the City Hall. Mayor: So, we would create a resolution to create a permit that they would come to City Hall to request the permit. And then we would house that permit at City Hall. Mary: Yes. Mayor: So, if somebody was questioned while they were out in the park, they would be able to pull the permit. Mary: Yes. I'm just trying to think ahead. We do not have any protection written in Ordinance 204 for animal life. We need to add I, add protection animal life, including insects and other invertebrate species, are to be left unharmed. Mayor: I don't think we need permits. I think it can be a resolution that we pass and adopt, for the University of Arkansas only. Universities have IDs. They have their IDs. And that needs to be in the resolution. They need to have their IDs on them and present at all times while we're on the property so that we know who they are.

Public Input:

None Offered

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Kyle McGurk 7:39PM. Seconded by Daniell Edwards.

All in favor? Yay (4) Opposed? (0). The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM

Chairman Adam Walker