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Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission
March 25, 2024 at 6:00PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

Call to Order: Kyle McGurk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

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

Approval of Agenda: Kyle McGurk made a motion to add under Old Business Item E. Disc Golf and Item F. Upcoming Grants 2024/2025. Seconded by Mike Nimmo. All in favor yea. (3) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

February 27, 2024 Minutes Kyle motioned to table approve of the minutes until Adam is present. Seconded by Mike Nimmo. All in favor. Yay (3). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. ARDOT Grant Update:** Caleb LeBow presented. Crafton & Tull is working on the updates, some numbers for the bird blind foundation. Mayor: I think he's adding the alternatives for the park benches and concrete. Those are added as deductive alternatives. Kyle: The contractor will get the total price for everything we're asking to bid out, but the deductive items are items that are smaller, typically, and that you would remove it from the contract if we were over budget. That's the only way to do it in Arkansas. Ken has done the cultural resource survey; it has been submitted.
- B. Highlands Gravel Classic:** Kyle McGurk presented. I've got a draft of volunteer shifts. We can expand it, change priorities, change times, as needed. I just wanted to start a point to discuss. And then if we make those amendments right now, then we can start filling in names to the spots. But it kind of went off of the prep areas having less people, the lull periods where we're kind of just setting stuff, taking it down, having two to three people, and then when we're actually serving, having more five to seven. We do have a lot of names, but we haven't filled anyone in. Mayor Stroud will be dropping off a request for items he like to get donated from both Fayetteville and Springdale Sams. Kyle will donate bagels and oranges for before the race starts. Port-o potties were discussed, Kyle will check with Tree about them.
- C. Hud Grant Update:** Kyle McGurk presented. I don't have anything from Adam to present on this. Mayor: we submitted in the newspaper on Sunday. It has to go out for

a week where we allow for public comment for the environmental review. So, we're basically, that started on Monday. And then we'll go through this. If we don't hear any comments back from any of the public by the end of the week, then at that point, then we get to move forward with our, that portion of the environmental review for open to public comment is over. We've already gotten an email from HUD, saying, as soon as we get this, we should be ready to proceed. And we'll start depositing funds. I anticipate we'll have funds by mid-April.

- D. Community Park Updates:** I guess it would be the playground. Mike: I know there was some discussion at the city council meeting regarding the proposed playground set, was purchased by the mayor. And there was some opposition to going in that direction. if there's any other discussion we need to have as the commission to either move forward on it, or say that's no longer an option that we're looking at. Mayor: The council did not want proceed with it. City council wants to see more of a commercial type playground equipment and maybe more swings. This year there is nothing in the budget to support purchasing commercial grade equipment.
- E. Disc Golf:** Caleb LeBow presented. I think tailoring our plan to maybe a little bit more of a beginner-intermediate will probably be better overall. So, that's what I've done at the moment. I'm suggesting it basically follows what will be the new ARDOT trail. Caleb will move forward with the temporary placement. Caleb motioned to approve the Disc Golf plan. Seconded by Kyle McGurk. All in favor? Yay (3). Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- F. Up Coming Grants 2025:** Kyle McGurk presented. There were two grants approved that we discussed. The ARDOT 25 grant. And none of those we discussed a project at the council level. It was just approval to apply for it. And then the state parks grant for this upcoming year. Mayor: We got this Scorp report today. So, Arkansas State Parks now. Their letter to us saying it's open for applications due in August gave us the scorp, which is basically how they're going to rank and rate everything. And then the ARDOT TAP grant that we will likely apply for. We're just going to extend the trail. That's the plan, is my understanding. It's just extending the trail on up and then get it to the top by the salamander pond. And we can say that we're going to do a trailhead there. But I would like for us to do two things. I'd like for us to include that as part of our proposal to ARDOT. I would think that it would be beneficial for us to look at submitting to Arkansas State Park, looking at the scorp for a trailhead pavilion at that area. And we use that for what we're asking for, for our state park grant. And then if we don't get the state park grant, okay. Well, then we just ask for more money from ARDOT the following year to help improve this trailhead and then finish that project out. If we do get the state park grant, we'll go ahead and build it out. Caleb motioned to go ahead with ARDOT ADA trail from Mill Branch Center up to the salamander pond and the trail head. Seconded by Mike Nimmo. All in favor? Yay (3). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Public Input:

None Offered

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Caleb LeBow at 7:03PM. Seconded by Mike Nimmo
All in favor. Yay (3) Opposed. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:03PM

Chairman Adam Walker