

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum, Troy Temple and Janna Viscomi. MEMBERS ABSENT: Lola Brand and Elsie Slinger. STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. GUESTS: Jamie Bell, Kymn Anderson, Bob and Kathy Miley, Crystal Hollingsworth and Samantha Olson.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) LiveBarn Presentation Positivity Wall: Jamie Bell with LiveBarn presented information about installing a camera system at Bell Field to stream youth and amateur sports online. With LiveBarn, you can watch events live or you can watch them for up to 30 days after the event with a video-on-demand feature. LiveBarn installs a camera and gives the facility owner access to control the live streaming. The streaming has a privacy mode and a blackout feature to control recordings and viewability. A promo code is given to subscribers which ties to a certain venue. Then quarterly payments are made to the facility owner based on the percentages agreed to in the contract. However, you can view any LiveBarn venue/event once you subscribe. There is a basic or premium rate and the premium rate allows subscribers to download content in 30-second clips or entire games. LiveBarn currently streams from approximately 1,200 different venues across America and Canada. Technicians would survey the facility to determine what is needed to broadcast with LiveBarn paying all setup costs. A camera is mounted behind home plate for baseball streaming. Paul stated we would need to determine if LiveBarn would be allowed for the state amateur baseball tournament in 2022 or if they would want to do their own live stream. Jamie will send a code to Paul to share with the board members to preview the product and website at no cost.

Kymn Anderson presented information regarding a portable positivity wall for Faribault. She explained the Faribault Foundation changed the name from positivity wall to Faribault Foundation message board. The message board will be a place to post notes about things that people are proud of, grateful for and hopeful for. The board reviewed a photo of a newly constructed message board. The Faribault Foundation is requesting to set up the message board May 20 through July 10 in Central Park near the Central Park sign by Second Avenue Northwest. Members of the Faribault Foundation Board will be monitoring it daily for appropriateness and to check supplies. Tags are colorful coated cardboard and should draw attention to the wall. The tags will be attached to the message board with wire and the message board will be secured to the ground with steel posts. The Faribault Foundation will be requesting to put the board at the Rice County Fair, Blue Collar BBQ Festival and possibly the Buckham Center for Nite to Unite as well as other events around the city. Also, they will be compiling the notes to review what people are posting. Board members stated they are in favor of the message board. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Troy to approve placement of the message board as requested. Motion passed.

- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Mike to approve minutes of March 24, 2021. Motion passed.

4) Director's Report:

- a) City Board Members Zoom Meeting: Scott Riggs, City Attorney, is inviting all city council and board members to a zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. to review meeting protocols and learn basic rules and regulations of being a council or board member. Paul will send the link for the meeting to all Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members.
- b) Arbor Day and Pollinator Month: City Council approved proclamations declaring Saturday, May 1, as Arbor Day and May as Pollinator Month. G.R.O.W.S purchased four trees for Central Park in memory of Rueben Tangren. Rueben was a member of G.R.O.W.S. and Tree City USA for many years. Also, Faribault High School DECA will be cleaning areas by the trail system and North Alexander Park. The Pollinator Group has set up a display in the hallway between the Community Center and the Buckham Library to inform the public about pollinator gardens and to encourage planting of pollinator gardens.
- c) Construction: Paul reported the intersection of Division Street and 1st Avenue will be open on May 3rd or 4th. Also, the city will be working on the parking lot and entrances for the Buckham Center this spring, summer and fall.

5) Requests to be Heard: None.

6) Old Business:

- a) Inclusive Playground: Paul suggested going to Lakeville and Rosemount to tour all-inclusive playgrounds on June 23 rather than doing the city park tour. Board could leave Faribault about 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Paul will continue with plans.
- b) Old Public Works Site Park Site: Sidewalks have been installed at the new park and the playground will be installed in two to three weeks. ISG will finalize shelter/restrooms facility plans and it will go to City Council on May 11 for approval to go out to bid. Plans are to start construction in later June. Janna asked about access to the river at the park. Paul stated a walking unpaved access will be done but a paved boat/canoe access is not planned at this time. It could possibly be added later.
- c) Joint Owatonna/Faribault Park Board Meeting: Owatonna is currently restructuring their Parks and Recreation Department so the joint meeting has been put on hold.
- d) Emerald Ash Borer: A rough draft of the emerald ash borer brochure was reviewed. It shows what the emerald ash borer looks like, regulations regarding the emerald ash borer and removal of trees by property owners. The brochure and Parks Department staff will help identify the ash borer for property owners.
- e) Viaduct Park: The Viaduct Park Committee held a meeting two weeks ago and provided many ideas to include in the park. A survey of the committee was conducted to rate amenities discussed. The committee will then discuss the preferred amenities and their costs. Plans are to start construction of amenities next summer.

10) New Business:

- a) Basketball Court at Wapacuta: Council approved installation of two basketball courts, side by side, at Wapacuta Park. Turf work will start shortly.

- b) Prairie Park Playground: Lisa Everett met with Paul and gave him some ideas of all-inclusive amenities to include in city playgrounds. Jay Webber of Webber Recreation is designing some options for a playground at Prairie Park. There is \$75,000 budgeted for playground equipment, surfacing and edging at this park. Guests at the meeting asked about motorized vehicles being allowed on city trails and Paul stated they are not allowed per city ordinance. Guests also asked about baseball fields at the park and Paul explained the city is still discussing sharing ballfields with the school district and are not putting ballfields in the park at this time. Guests asked if the playground was approved for the park and if there was going to be a parking lot. Paul indicated the playground has not yet been approved and per the Master Plan, a parking lot is planned for the park. Guests also asked about fences around the park. Corner fence pieces and trees will be installed but not a full fence. The corner fence pieces will help identify city property from private property. Discussion was held about keeping the park as more of a nature area. Paul explained the City's 2040 Vision Plan and Master Plan both include development of this park. Discussion was held regarding the curb cut and access points to the park. The access points will be 10 feet wide, the same width as the trail, and are not for public vehicles. There will be no barricades on the trail and barricades would only be added later if there is a need for them. Paul stated the Parks Department will mark where the trees are to be planted so nearby property owners can see where trees will be planted. Also, Paul will review placement of the corner fences.
- c) Update on Summer Programming: Staff is planning for full summer programming which includes holding Concerts in the Park and opening the Faribault Family Aquatic Center. The number of participants allowed in some of the programs may be limited due to COVID-19 but hopefully some of the guidelines, especially for outdoors, will loosen up. Staff will adjust programs day by day depending on regulations.

11) Other: None.

12) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, at Buckham West.

13) Motion was made by Janna, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant