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**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 2, 2017**

**Horn Park**

**4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Al Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were: Al Ebert, Joe Behnke, Sarah Pielhop, Dennis Miller, and Alderperson Vicki Shafran. Also present were Recreation Director/Aquatic Coordinator Ann Marx. Absent was Mark Rajkovich.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** – Miller moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Behnke. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 5, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING**

**Motion** – Miller moved to approve the October 5, 2017 Special Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission meeting. Seconded by Shafran. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

No Report.

**VISITORS:**

Joanne Mattes, Kate Behnke, Jill Braun and Steve Knuth

**DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**A. Parks:**

**1. Removal of Trees/Bushes –Horn Park**

The Commission discussed the removal of the trees and bushes at Horn Park. City Forester Jill Braun was in attendance to listen to ideas for improving the Park and to help dry it out by removing some of the trees to open it up. For now the small ash trees, cedars and bushes could be taken out. There was also discussion if volunteers could help cut down and remove trees. Marx will look into the City's insurance. As for better sight lines through the park it was recommended to trim up the bottom of the trees inside the park near the existing playground/band shelter area.

Braun stated there are larger trees that could come out but they will have to be professionally taken down due to their size.

**2. Horn Park Plan:**

Steve Knuth of McMahan was in attendance to listen to the Commission's discussion about their vision for future improvement of Horn Park. Steve is going to take their ideas and form a proposal to help design the Park. Some of the areas discussed included the need for parking if larger events are to be held at the Park, new bathrooms, water and sewer on the east side of the park, new playground equipment, what to do with the band shelter, new or improve on the shelters we have, skate park, path from Garrow Villa safety around the pond, soccer fields, bring back grills, lighting and the mosquito issue.

Pielhop stated that the Optimist Club has done some improvements at the Park recently with some new benches, picnic tables, garbage cans and the addition of the disc golf.

Miller stated that Horn Park should be a family friendly park because Peters Park is more of an athletic park.

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**3. Season Park Closure:**

Marx mentioned that all parks including the ATV Park are closed as of October 31<sup>st</sup> and will reopen in April. The park staff along with DPW took care of winterizing the parks.

**B. Community Center:**

**1. Review Rough Draft of BCC Improvement Plan and Budget:**

This was tabled until the next meeting as nothing was received from Keller.

**2. WPRC Conference:**

Marx mentioned she would be gone to the Conference Nov. 7-10 and would be talking to vendors about new software and equipment for baseball and soccer.

**C. Recreation:**

**1. Family Winter Wonderland Dance:**

Marx stated the dance will be Saturday January 27, 2018. The Commission decided on the time of 6:30 -9:30PM and will be held at Carstens Mill. Tickets will go on sale December 1<sup>st</sup> at the BCC. The dance will include music by a DJ, food and door prizes.

This a chance for families to get dressed up and have a special evening with their children.

**D. Old Business:**

**1. WPS Grant-update:**

The Grant was submitted and will be reviewed during November and we should hear something in December.

**2. 2018 Budget:**

Marx stated that nothing has changed in the 2018 budget proposal. It will be approved at the November Council meeting.

**E: New Business:**

**1. Facility Reports:**

The Commission reviewed the monthly user comparison and pool usage and they are both up from last year in October.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion –Ebert moved to adjourn. Seconded by Behnke. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Ann Marx