



CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 20, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell
Jim Lien
Ginny Tate
Christie Wood
Brighton Spencer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bridget Hill
Alysha Villelli

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

GUESTS:

Craig Woolf
Steve Florey

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Five members present, resulting in a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cranston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Action Item*

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Director Greenwood: Funds were allocated to replace the restroom at Person Field. Demo took place last week, building is down, CXT building has been ordered and we're hopeful it will be completed by late spring. Busy on snow removal this weekend and again tomorrow morning.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. PICKLE BALL ASSOCIATION MOU – Action Item

Commissioner Cranston read the staff report for the record.

Greenwood: The MOU and staff report reflects old information. The new wording does not have a dollar amount, but states the club will help gather the funds necessary to construct the courts. Pickleball has grown immensely in our community. The club has held a tournament for five years now at Cherry Hill, it is very well received. Given the limited number of dedicated courts, helps bring in higher level players and tournaments, and the ability to move into another level of tournament play. Would allow for six, maybe seven, courts dedicated pickleball.

Commissioner McDowell: Is there sufficient room? Greenwood: Yes, have met out there and measured the area, we could get six or seven for more space between the courts.

Commissioner Lien: Is there a structure near that property, are there sufficient restrooms and parking, and what if there aren't any grants available and are we locked in? Greenwood the south property is owned by Avista and some is ITD. Parking is ample. We have a public facility, and a vault toilet, and for larger events we have porta potties brought in. The club brings in extras as well. We won't be limited to grants only, we will be seeking other contributions. Locking ourselves in if we can't come up with any other funds. We would not be locked into anything.

Commissioner Cranston: Any issues with planning as far as parking requirements? Greenwood: Our hope was to link the parking lot and the dirt lot near it.

Craig Woolf-108 E Theresa Drive, Coeur d'Alene, President of Inland Northwest Pickleball Club. We have 380 members. Courts are at a premium. The temporary nets we put up in town anyone is allowed to use. We set it up for everyone and do the classes along with the city to grow our sport. 2020 pickleball grew 20% we are a destination city for players. We use the Boys and Girls Club during the winter. This year, since October, \$3,000 has been raised through fees for use of their courts. Discussions with senior pickleball association to bring their tournament here. Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene combined we have more pickleball courts than Spokane.

McDowell: Are folks aware of indoor pickleball at the Kroc center? Woolfe: Yes, we have players from there, and at Peak also, and the Hub in Liberty Lake. Many gyms were closed to the public in 2020 and this year. CDA could be in the forefront with what is going on.

Commissioner Wood: Do folks move back outside in the summer? Woolfe: Yes, Memorial Courts, there are 4 dedicated and the soccer court has space for temporary. All 8 courts are going with people waiting to get on them.

Steve Florey, 1209 Crestline Drive, CDA, seen a lot of changes at Cherry Hill Park, like it all. Thank you for your consideration in getting more dedicated courts.

Commissioner Lien made a motion to recommend that Council approve the Corrected Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with reference to finding necessary funding and grants and other opportunities with the Northwest Pickleball Club, Commissioner

Tate seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

9. PARKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION – Information Item

Director Greenwood presented information about the parks and recreation department, including cemetery, urban forestry, trails, and building maintenance divisions. Highlighting staffing, areas of responsibilities, and work performed.

Commissioner Wood: Fantastic presentation. Blessed to have that much parkland, beautifully maintained, thank you. Recognize the loss of Councilman Ron Edinger. Had the pleasure of working with Ron for a number of years and honored to fill his seat as the council liaison. He will be missed.

Commissioner Cranston: Known the family for years, played a big part in this community, advocate for youth sports and parks. Pleasure to have him as our liaison with this group. Great mentor, leader, and his heart was with the community.

10. MEETINGS / ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston asked for any additional comments.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday, January 4, 2022; 11:30 a.m., Workshop; Conf Rm 6 City Hall
- Monday, January 24, 2022: 5:30 p.m., Meeting; Library Community Room

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Wood seconding the motion. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.