



Garden City Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 6:30 PM
Held @ City Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call: Sue McFadden, Second – Robert Smith

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Smith, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Kapelanski | <input type="checkbox"/> Bradley Chiasson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sue McFadden Vice- Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> John Jones Abs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Deron Abs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer McConnell Abs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Jacobs |

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** March 30, 2021 (Regular Scheduled Meeting)
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II. Financial Reports

A. Revenue – April

B. Ice Arena

- a. Freestyle – \$900.00
- b. Ice Rental - \$10,655.00
- c. Field Rental (June)- \$5,095.00
- d. Adult Softball - \$11,830.00
- e. Open Skate - \$902.00
- f. Pavilion Rentals - \$3,360.00
- g. Sticks and Pucks - \$810.00
- h. Drop In Hockey - \$906.00
- i. Concession - \$1,530.00

C. Maplewood

- a. Senior Activities - \$164.00
- b. Parents Night Out - \$60.00
- c. Pantry - \$140.00
- d. Aerobics - \$64.00
- e. Cardio Kickboxing - \$54.00
- f. Yoga - \$150.00
- g. Dance - \$780.00

D. Expenditures - April

E. Ice Arena

- a. Midwest Netting Solutions - \$7,650.00 **Nets are going up over current netting all the way to the top of the poles. DPS began installation on Monday, May 17th**
 - i. City Park #4
- b. Net World Sports - \$1,080.00
 - i. Moeller Field #7
- c. 4Imprint – Shirts for Parks Staff - \$551.10
- d. Sports Engine - \$1,049.00 **Yearly Payment**

- e. Moonlight Printing – Softball Scoresheets - \$435.00 **This includes 1,000 forms that can be used for the next year also.**

F. Maplewood

- a. Senior Alliance - \$2,404.00
- b. Power Systems – Dumbbell Rack - \$485.65
- c. Parents Night Out - \$45.06
- d. Gleaners - \$584.71 **/Food Pantry**
- e. Aldi Market - \$99.30 **Food Pantry**

III. Program Reports

A. Softball

- Sunday – 12 Teams
- Tuesday – 10 Teams
- Thursday – 12 Teams

B. Ice Trax – Last Day April 25th **Average = 6 people per hour in our first season / Fall we will come back on Sunday mornings and add a weekly night session if ice is available.**

C. Cornhole – 16 Teams

D. Parents Night Out – 6 Kids

IV. Old Business

A. City Park Grant Update **First grant came through. DNR Grants have an April 1st deadline.**

There are other grants available with other groups and foundations that are currently being researched.

B. Capital Improvement Binder (Be sure to bring your binder)

- Things you liked from **section 2.***

-Dog Park Pictures: Sm/Big Park combo well-liked by commission.

-Splash Pads / Themes

Discussion made regarding the difference between a “Dump Systems w/ catch basin and/or the Recycling System requiring Filter & Chlorination.

-Indoor Multipurpose Fields and Courts

V. New Business

A. City Park Sidewalks **Missing a spot near Post Office**

B. Woodchips – Miracle Recreation **(\$2,135.00)**

C. Summer Camp Update **Hours Changed to 8am-2pm M-F**

D. Ice Removal – After Ice Showcase **Set up for Dance Shows began right after ice removal**

E. To Do List

- a. Anything needing special attention?

-Rotary park – needs more dog bags

-Florence park – needs dirt and wood chips

VI. Communications & Upcoming Events

a. Craft Night – Tues April 27

b. Arbor Day – Friday April 30 – Tulip Tree

c. Nerf Wars – Sat May 1

d. Figure Skating Showcase – Wed May 12

e. Seeds and Sprouts – Sat May 22 – Working with Kiwanis

f. Dance Recital – June 14- 17

g. Field Rental – Girls Softball Tournament – June 25- 27

VII. Open Discussion

Before the open discussion was opened, Mark Jacobs, Council Liaison, read a statement made by Mayor Randy Walker.

Possibility of hill for sledding*

*This hill could be used for exercise cross training off season and snow making possibilities

No Projects in the works right now. The Tree removal and Amphitheatre are just part of 2019 Master Plan ideas.

Master Plan was created so that we could begin requesting Grants from DNR. These ideas and plans in the Master Plan are not scheduled or in any way written in stone. The Master Plan was created with public and recreation commission help.

Trees are always being removed for safety reasons/ 90 trees were planted in 2021

Dirt Removal costs money: we could keep our dirt to build the sledding hill and the project would cost close to nothing

Tree marking in the City Park was only possible projections for the ideas of Sledding hill and/or Amphitheater.

Comments from Public:

“Mayor Walker’s words were condescending and shouldn’t have been directed to the public outcry that took place at and after the council meeting.”

“Original post wasn’t anyone who worked for the city and was her opinion. Her “version” of conversations was posted online, not the actual conversations.”

“Dots on trees “sneaky”

“Residents don’t want change at City Park, but they would appreciate a large wall to separate their backyards from the park due to people invading their private property”

Stacy Templeton has begun a petition.

“Master Plan has a reforestation proposal for \$50,000.”

“On the weekends, a gentleman is charging \$5 for RC racing in the park. This is not a Parks & Rec program and should be policed and discontinued by local police department.”

Katie Smith ended open discussion with letting the public know that applications are available for the open seats on the Recreation Commission and that every meeting is and always was open to the public and they are always welcome with their questions and comments.

Mark Jacobs, Council Liaison also address the crowd and answered questions that were brought up during the Open Discussion phase of the meeting.

VIII. Future Meeting Calendar (All Meetings Held @ 6:30pm in City Hall Council Chambers)

May 25	June 29	July 27	Aug. 31
Sept. 28	Oct. 26	Nov. 30	Dec. 28

IX. Adjournment

Dennis Kapelanski, 2nd – Robert Smith