

**ARLINGTON PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 23, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve February 23rd Meeting Minutes
4. Monthly Financial Report
 - A) February 2015
5. New Business
 - A) Tree Planting Ceremony In Observance of Arbor Day (Mayor Nagel)
 - B) Community Interest Survey Results
 - C) Schedule Spring Tours of Parks
 - D) Combating Vandalism in Parks (Article)
6. Old Business or Updates
 - A) Remaining Improvements – Sportsman’s Park for 2015
 - B) Preliminary Plan 2016 Improvements @ Senior Building/Four Seasons Park
 - 1) Maintenance Supervisor Voigt to start obtaining estimates for Budget
7. Other Business/Updates
 - A) Operation Round Up
8. Next Regular Meeting: April 27th @ 7 pm
9. Adjourn

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The following individuals met at the Arlington Community Center for the meeting: Chairperson Al Ihrke, Bob Thomes, Karan Pichelmann, Jerry Ebersviller, Jim Pederson, Gary Hultgren, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Voigt and Councilmember Ben Jaszewski. Guests: City Administrator Liza Donabauer and Mayor Richard Nagel.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ihrke at 7:00 P.M.
2. Approval of Agenda – Added to item 7 (Other Business/Updates) “Operation Round Up”. The agenda was approved with this addition. Pederson made motion to approve, Thomes seconded the motion and approved by all.
3. Approval of February 23, 2015 meeting minutes – Thomes made motion to approve, Ebersviller seconded the motion and approved by all.
4. Monthly Financial Report – Donabauer gave an update of the expenditures and revenues. She explained the money distribution of \$14,824 (amount was dealing with the Sportsman’s Park). The Board asked if she could add a line item under revenue for donations. Thomes asked about the money from the Meyerson Addition/High Island Developments. Voigt talked to Cynthia Strack about this and she indicated that the money could only be used for new pathways, not for any updating of anything in the parks; this would be under capital improvement, so no usage of updating. The monthly report looked good.
5. New Business –
 - A. Tree Planting Ceremony In Observance of Arbor Day. Mayor Nagel indicated that Arbor Day is on April 24th and was wondering if a tree could be planted that day at Frenzel Park (Park Board was planning on having five trees planted at the park in 2015). Could get the forester and kids from school if that day works out for planting a tree at the park. Voigt is going to look at what kind of tree to plant.
 - B. Community Interest Survey Results – Donabauer gave an update on the survey. Mayor Nagel indicated that he had heard that the Garden Club was looking into starting a farmers market. Survey was very interesting on what the community was looking for.
 - C. Schedule Spring Tours of Park – Will go with the same schedule as fall (kinda).
Meet at Community Center at 5:00 P.M. to car pool.....
 1. Sportsmans Park
 2. Four Seasons Park @5:30 (little extra time at this park to look over the Senior Citizens Building)
 3. Frenzel Park @6:00
 4. Fairview Park @6:15
 5. Memorial Park @6:30

- D. Combating Vandalism in Parks (Article) – Donabauer went over some of the information she had received. She will bring back to the Board some ideas about how to take care of the park issues on vandalism.
6. Old Business or Updates –
- A. Remaining Improvements at Sportsman’s Park for 2015 – Voigt received some measurements from Randy Walsh, Sibley East School Athletic Director, regarding the depth of the fence (200 feet is the typical length for schools). Thomes is going to get a hold of Craig Bullert (Major Baseball head person) to check on the depth of the minor baseball leagues.
- B. Preliminary Plan 2016 Improvements at Senior Building/Four Seasons Park –
1. Maintenance Supervisor Voigt was to start obtaining estimates. No estimates were gotten yet. Wants to discuss more on what is really needed in the building for heat/air.
7. Other Business/Updates – Added was “Operation Round Up”. Letter received from McLeod Cooperative Power awarding a donation of \$475. Need to send them a thank you note. There were a total of 19 applications and 8 were selected, which Arlington was one of them. Donabauer also noted that there is already a schedule for the fields on the City’s website for people to use/fill out, or they can come into the city office for help also.
8. Next Regular Meeting – Aril 27th at 7:00 P.M. (park tour first and will start at 5:00)
9. Adjourn – Ebersviller made a motion to adjourn, Jaszewski seconded, approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Alan Ihrke, Chairperson

Karan Pichelmann, Secretary