

Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7:00pm
Frankenmuth Government Center

Parks & Recreation Commission Members Present – Tom Bierlein, Anne Webb, Trisha Way-Uphold, Travis Dafoe, Ed Foltz, Katie Kay, Aaron Lerash, Joe Chowaniec, Joe Cramer

Parks & Recreation Commission Members Absent – Jim Bickel

Others Present: Daren Kaschinske, Janelle Compton & Kellie Nichols (P&R staff) Bridget Smith (City Manager)

Approval of Agenda – Moved by Bierlein, supported by Foltz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of February 28, 2018 minutes – Moved by Webb, supported by Lerash, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Splash Pad Project – At this time, the Frankenmuth Jaycee's have started accepting bids for site work, there is still no solid plans for a building at this time. Ribbon cutting is planned for Mon, May 7 at 5pm. The commission discussed the desire to possibly heat the building in the future for winter use, and would like the building designed to be able to be able to heat it.

Monthly Reports –

City Manager- Smith's report was emailed out. The mayor exchange with Hastings on Apr. 23 went well when they traveled to Hasting to visit. Hastings will come to Frankenmuth on May 16th.

Parks & Recreation Staff- Nichols reported that pickleball and walking have come to an end in Kern Pavilion and they are transitioning from winter to festival season with the pavilion. Nichols also reported that they have found a possible rebate opportunity for purchasing large fans for Harvey Kern Pavilion. Compton reported that they have been contacted to host the sectional competition for the Pitch Hit and Run competition this year. The local Pitch Hit and Run Competition will take place in Heritage Park on Sunday, April 29th at 3pm and the sectional competition will be hosted on Horseshoe field on Saturday, May 19th at 10am. Compton reported that these events take a lot of man power and volunteers as they are free events and she needs helps with both events this year if anyone can come volunteer. Kaschinske reported about the Herzog Platz in Heritage Park and how the conditions of the spring have not been gentle to the grass and with the snow and festival all in the same week. With the number of events in that area, something will need to be done to make this surface more dependable. Kaschinske also reported that there will be 3 tree plantings in the parks this coming week for Earth Day and Arbor Day. The High School YAC club planted a tree on Apr. 23 in Memorial Park for Earth Day. The Jaycee's will be planting a tree in Heritage Park on Thursday night and List Elementary 3rd graders will be planting a tree with a ceremony on Friday at 11am for Arbor Day in Memorial Park. Kaschinske reported that he is working with the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy on potential projects in the parks, including possibly putting in a natural

playground in Memorial Park. Kaschinske reported that the Women's Club was looking for a place to count their 50/50 money during the concerts and after many conversations, it appears that they will use a storage room at the Bandshell.

Discussion regarding School District rental of the Palmer Schau Platz- The school district would like to reserve the Palmer Schau Platz this summer to put on a production of Shakespeare in the Park of a Mid-summer's Night Dream. The school district is asking for a help on the cost of the facility rental as this is a new thing for them they are trying, and they are not sure how it is going to go. They would also like to have a concession stand at the event and fence off an area for people for seating. We informed them that they could not fence off an area for charging for seating and they would have to set up their own concession stand as they were not able to use the women's club concession stand. A motion was made by Webb, supported by Chowaniec to rent the Palmer Schau Platz to the school district for \$250 for one year only on a trial basis with the agreement that they recognize Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation as a sponsor of the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2018 Volkslaufe- Moved by Foltz, supported by Webb, to approve the 2018 Volkslaufe lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2018 RAM Productions- Moved by Dafoe, supported by Foltz, to approve the 2018 RAM Productions lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2018 Basenji National Specialty Dog Show- Moved by Dafoe, supported by Foltz, to approve the 2018 Basenji National Specialty Dog Show lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of February and March 2018 financial reports –Moved by Foltz, supported by Webb, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bickel
Secretary