

Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes
Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 7:00pm
Heritage Park, Heritage Cove Pavilion

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

Parks & Recreation Commission Members Absent – Travis Dafoe

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

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

Approval of April 25, 2018 minutes – Moved by Webb, supported by Chowaniec, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Splash Pad Project – At this time, construction has started and the splash pad is taking shape. The Frankenmuth Jaycee's are still around \$60-\$80K short of their goal for everything they want to do at the facility. Many of the contractors that have been hired have agreed to donate some work/ time towards the project. So that will have an impact on how much the total project costs in the end. Kaschinske is going to check on where the Jaycee's landed with the discussion of heat in the bathrooms.

Monthly Reports –

City Manager- Smith's written report was emailed out with the packet. She reported that Planning Commission approved plans for a Taco Bell to come to town just north of Tim Horton's. Smith also reported that she wanted the commission to be aware that there is some issues with the Army Corps of Engineers and the levee project. There was too much rock placed in the river during the rock ramp project, which has an impact on flood levels. The City is forced to fix the issue before the levee project can start. The levee project has to be under construction in 2019, otherwise all properties protected by the levee will need to purchase flood insurance. One possible solution is to dig out part of Heritage Park from the willow trees up to the end of the gravel "dike road" (end of Weiss St.). Smith reported that this is just an option but wanted to make the commission aware of it. They are working to find another solution to the problem.

Parks & Recreation Staff- Compton reported that two youth boys made it to the State Competition for the Pitch Hit and Run Competition. This is a great accomplishment for these boys. Compton also reported that Family Fun Day will be at the end of July in Harvey Kern Pavilion. Nichols reported that Frankenmuth Insurance will be renting Harvey Kern Pavilion this year for a company picnic. Blackberry Smoke concert will be taking place as a one day rental. Nichols also reported that electrical repairs are still being completed in Heritage Park. Kaschinske reported that the Saginaw County Parks is redoing their 5 year plan and has a survey for residents to help guide the future.

Discussion regarding possible installation of a wigwam at Cross Park- The historical museum contacted Kaschinske about a preliminary idea of building a hogan or a wigwam at Cross Park for historical purposes and teaching. There will be more details to come in the future from the historical museum.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2018 Auto Fest- Moved by Chowaniec, supported by Foltz to approve the 2018 Auto Fest Lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of April and May 2018 financial reports –Moved by Foltz, supported by Bickel, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding Kern Pavilion Roof- Harvey Kern Pavilion’s roof has been leaking for a long time. Staff have documented these leaks for years with little consistency to be able to pin point one factor as the cause. One cause that is known for sure is the covers over the fans. Other potential leaks include the windows, and siding/flashing. Numerous contractors have been up on the roof to give advice on the problem and how they think it can be fixed. Initial estimates to repair the existing structure are over \$100,000, with no guarantees of stopping the leaks. Another alternate option to repairing the structure would be to remove the upper “clear story” part of the building (windows, fans louvers, flagpoles, etc.), cover the roof at the main roof line, and put smaller decorative copulas on top to keep the aesthetics of the facility. Staff will continue to work with contractors for options and pricing for this work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bickel
Secretary