

REGULAR MEETING The City of Norway Parks and Recreation Committee met in Regular Session Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in the Norway City Hall.

ROLL CALL Present: T. Spence, J. Beck, L. Meneghini, D. Harder, and R. Meneghini

ABSENT S. Bietila, P. Hayes, M. Guldswoog, and B. Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT Ray Anderson, City Manager; Scott Bray, Otto Jacob, Forester, and Robert Bal (Kuba).

APPROVE AGENDA A motion was made by Member J. Beck, supported by Member D. Harder and unanimously approved regular meeting agenda of April 18, 2018.

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Member L. Meneghini, supported by Member R. Meneghini, and unanimously approved regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2018.

CITIZEN TIME None.

OLD BUSINESS Project Updates:

Marion Park (softball, parking lot) – Girls Softball Coach Robert Bal was in attendance to discuss Marion Park softball field. Mr. Bal requested permission to remove grass on the top field and would replace (280 square yards) by mid-September. The reason for the request is that softball does not normally play with a grass infield. The upper two fields were built for little league hardball and not softball. Since there are no softball fields the girls have been playing their games on the upper little league field. It has become critical this year to have a regulation softball field because the girl's high school districts will be hosted in Norway on June 1st (4 teams). The girls high school regionals will be hosted in Norway on June 9th (9 teams), and the girls high school All Star Game will be hosted in Norway on the last week of June. When the sod is taken off there are concerns about taking care of the irrigation lines and sprinkler heads. The water lines need to be blown out correctly as 200 feet of water line have already been replaced. Brian Adams from Little League Baseball has indicated that they only use one field and taking sod out would not affect Little League Baseball for one year. New sod will need to be replaced and will go down by September 15th.

 The committee also discussed the upcoming summer projects including the new softball field project plan and schedule. The city will be working with a group of volunteers to start clearing and grubbing the grounds and

leveling (cut/fill) the location to rough grade. The city needs to demo various backhoes and will have them delivered to assist in this project. The city will also be installing the basketball hoops on the old tennis courts as well as starting to prepare to move the little soccer field to make way for a parking lot.

APPROVE
SOFT BALL
TO REMOVE
SOD UPPER
FIELD

A motion was made by Member D. Harder, supported by Member J. Beck and unanimously approved to allow the Norway Softball Team to remove sod off the upper field and replace by mid September of 2018.

Strawberry Lake Project – Coleman Engineering has been working on the engineering plans for the project and would like to have the plans complete and to the city for the May meeting. Questions are mainly centered on the electric and irrigation plan. If found acceptable then we would move to get DNR approval and then bidding.

Hanbury Lake (Beach Restoration) – City Manager gave an update on the project. The main part of the beach project has been completed. We still need to complete the dry beach work, install signs, and other park cleanup activities before project completion.

NEW
BUSINESS

Tree Planting – Arbor Day April 27th – We are moving forward with purchasing trees for the city's tree planting program. We will be purchasing approximately 20 trees. I'm also putting together an application for an Arbor Foundation grant which is 50% of the cost for trees only up to \$2,000. We have a few residents who purchased trees but the numbers have dropped off dramatically over the last couple of years. We are going to have to rely on grants in order to keep the program going in the future. We are getting some interest from the Museum who may participate as well as the golf course. We are also planning an Arbor Day event at the school on April 27th at 8:30 am for the Norway Elementary and would invite anyone from the parks and recreation committee who might want to participate or attend. Also the city was once again awarded tree city status.

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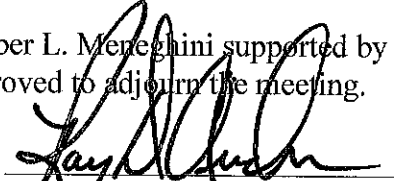
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ADJOURN

A motion was made by Member L. Meneghini supported by Member D. Harder and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.



S. Bietila, Secretary



Ray D. Anderson, City Manager