

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
February 7, 2018 - 6:30pm Public Safety Building

Councilmember Tod Gunther called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call found members Councilmember Nicola McDonald, Members John Aldrich, Mike Dannat and Jason Linkem were present.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune and Parks Advisory Board Secretary Beckie Meek
Professional Representatives	None
Visitors	Chris Hopfauf, Arlene Dannat, Councilmember Gehring and Darren Jones

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Parks & Cemetery Maintenance	Chris Hopfauf requested to see if there was some way to prepare a waiver of liability to have citizens sign that allow them to help out with minor maintenance to the Orting Parks and the Orting Cemetery.
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City Administrator Mark Bethune reminded the Parks Advisory Board of when there was talk about doing the Adopt-A-Park, he found out that to do that the volunteers could not use any tools of any kind, there would need to be a staff member with them at all times and that there would need to be a list of members and L&I on each of them. This was just something that the City was not willing to do at the time. But he stated that the only time that was done was with the National Day of Service in September.

Member Jason Linkem asked if there could possibly be more Service in the Park Days at a different time like in the Spring. Councilmember Gehring stated that you can usually have Pierce College to do volunteer hours as it gives them credit. And there is probably potential needed hours for other groups as well. Parks & Recreation Director Beckie Meek reported that if the PAB sees any issues with the Orting Parks or the Orting Cemetery to send her an email. She will give it to who is responsible for items to be done.

City Administrator Mark Bethune and Parks & Recreation Director will look into and get back to the PAB at the next meeting.

MINUTES:

September 6, 2017	The Parks Advisory Board reviewed the minutes of September 6, 2017. After review they did not see any corrections to the minutes. Member
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Dannat and Member Linkem moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Parks Advisory Board

Councilmember McDonald reported that CGA (Community and Government Affairs) met and discussed the Parks Advisory Board. She stated that things are changing at the council level and with that they want to also see some organizational changes in the Parks Advisory Board. She wanted to let the Parks Advisory Board know that at the next council meeting the CGA will be bringing to a vote a new ordinance for the structure of the Parks Advisory Board. Changes include:

- 5 Volunteer Members (No Councilmembers will be on the board. They are welcome to attend but will not participate.) They are also going to see about getting a student from the Orting Middle School and Orting High School to participate on the board for valued input. These students will participate on the board but they will not be voting members.
- It will be the job of the board to do the work and vote to recommend items to the CGA Committee, sharing all ideas and explain what they did and how they came to the decision they did. CGA will then decide if a project recommendation needs to go back to PAB or if CGA will take it to a Council Study Session or go to City Council Meeting.
- The Parks Advisory Board will also be overseeing the landscaping of the Orting Cemetery as a new part of the duties.
- The secretary/staff representative for the PAB will be the Parks & Recreation Director to help in the process.

Pickleball Court

Mike McCoy presented the petitions that had signatures of interested people that were around the businesses. He also stated that he would like to see the Pickleball Court to be placed in the South Park next to the Basketball Court. He also stated that he is willing to fundraise only if it was in the South Park as he would like this to be seen and not just in another park just hidden. Cost for 2 courts would be around \$45,000.00 installed with a 24x45 play area. He felt it would be a community enhancement.

Councilmember Gunther asked if this was for ADA and also paraplegic can play on and have access to. He stated that at the YMCA people in wheel chairs come and play with them all the time. He felt that it would be a place for every one of ages and disabilities.

Goals 3-5 year
Plans for City
Parks

City Administrator reported that the mayor is asking for the PAB to starting looking at a 5 year plan of what they would like to recommend for each of the city parks. He asked the group to start thinking about it. This will be tabled until the new members are added to the PAB.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PARKS PROJECTS:

Hanging Baskets

Member Linkem reported that we need to be thinking of the hanging baskets and he would like the group to stay local but not use Orting Floral because he had hear from people in the community not really liking them the last few years. He suggested to use the Orting Cheerleaders Booster Club, as they sell them as a fundraiser. The group like the idea. Beckie Meek will get in contact with the group to have them come to the next meeting and present their fundraiser.

Gratzer Park Grant

City Administrator Bethune reported that he had just heard that we will be moving forward in the process for the grant. He stated that Parks & Recreation Director Beckie Meek is working with the City Planner and City Engineer in getting the paperwork complete and turned in for the next step. He will report back at the next meeting.

CITY COUNCIL:

None

Councilmember Gunther stated he had nothing to report.

SET AGENDA ITEMS:

March 1st Meeting
Agenda

1. Pickleball Court
2. Calistoga Park
3. Gratzer Park Update
4. Maintenance Issues
5. Hanging Baskets Presentation
6. 5 yr Plan of each City Park

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Hanging Baskets

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Orting Garden
Rocks

Councilmember Gunther stated that he noticed the Garden Rocks that were painting by the 5th graders who helped with the plantings at the Main Park Parking Lot. He asked if this project could be done again. Member Linkem stated that he would be willing to try as long as others helped out. This will be tabled until the new members are added to the PSB.

Holiday Budget

Councilmember Gunther stated that he would like to see the Holiday Decorations budget for next year be more then there is in there now. Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek stated that for the 2018 Budget there is \$2000.00.

Member Aldrich showed a concern about getting a bigger tree for the bell tower this next holiday season. Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek stated that she and City Administrator Mark Bethune had talked and the plan is to get a bigger tree this next year donated, which is donated every year by Snowshoe Tree Farm.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Gunther adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Beckie Meek

Councilmember Tod Gunther