Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Business Office Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Brian Curnow
Kelli Hintze, arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Leslie Flowers, was excused at 8:00 p.m.
Lynn Keddington, Chair
Melissa Larsen

MEMBERS ABSENT
Tiffany Rees
Jon Ruedas

STAFF PRESENT
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Tamilyn Fillmore, City Council Liaison
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL
Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting were reviewed. Melissa Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Brian Curnow seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

NEW MEMBER
Leslie Flowers was welcomed as a new member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

REPORT ON MOVIES IN THE PARK
Chair Keddington reported the movie Sing was cancelled due to wind. It will be rescheduled for next year. The Star Wars movie was well attended, considering it was the same night as the Bountiful fireworks display.

REPORT ON COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION PROGRESS
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, displayed a map showing the progress of the Community Park expansion. There are now an additional 128 parking stalls on the west side by the Frontage Road. A new asphalt walking path has been added that connects to the current walking path. The circumference of the entire paved walking path is one mile.

At 7:05 p.m., Kelli Hintze arrived at the meeting.
The new water pump system has been completed for the irrigation water. All of the irrigation, top soil, top grading, and landscaping will be added next year. Football games start this coming Saturday, and the sidewalks have been repaired, and trees that have died or are mostly dead have been cut down and the most of the stumps will be ground out. A few of the stumps will be carved into native animals. The Tingey family has donated $50,000 for the construction of the pavilion on the new park expansion of Community Park.

Leslie Flowers asked if there is a charge for use of the fields. Mr. Cox explained there is a fee for the use of the fields, but the baseball coordinators volunteer their time. There is not a profit for the City on youth sports. The UTE Conference Football runs the football program, and the City only has to provide the fields. Brian Curnow said the purpose of the baseball program is to have equally matched teams, so that one team is not winning all of the games. Brian Curnow explained most of the boys who are in baseball are under eight years of age. After that, the boys are usually placed in competition teams by their parents, which hurts the City baseball program.

REPORT ON ISLAND VIEW PARK LWCF GRANT APPLICATION

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported Susan Zarekarizi, Utah State Parks & Recreation Department, has approved the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the Island View Park. The grant request will be fully funded in the amount of $650,000. The second phase of the grant application goes to the National Parks Service. Susan Zarwiski met with Steve Thacker, City Manager, and Bruce Cox to tour the park and view the boundaries. She inspects the park every year to make sure the park is continuing to serve and function as the grant intended, and not for other non-approved uses. The inspection showed no historic sites or environmental studies will need to be done for the new grant, because the same grant was given back in the 1970s, and the park has not changed. The concept plan for the park must be restudied to make sure the figures are correct for the money to be spent.

Tamelyn Fillmore, City Council Liaison, reported the City Council has a desire to expand cemetery space. They see Island View Park as a possible location, and they want to talk about this before the grant is accepted. The City Council has also explored using the west property at the cemetery where it slopes down, and do retaining work to build it up for additional cemetery space. Mr. Cox explained Susan Zarwiski said before you spend money on purchasing new land, it will cost $25,000 for the appraisal on the best use for the property. The National Parks Service would be opposed to converting existing park space into another use. The City would be labeled a “bad actor”, which would make it difficult to receive future grant money. Councilmember Fillmore said an additional 1,000 spaces could be added to the cemetery if the retaining wall can be added, if double burials can take place, and if a mausoleum can be built. Mr. Cox said there currently are restrictions on purchasing cemetery plots, and only Centerville residents can purchase plots at this time.

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the City owns land on the mountain side that is not zoned for residential development. This could be a location for a cemetery, but the expensive part is building road access and providing irrigation water and sewer. The cemetery by the Bountiful LDS Temple is private owned by Lakeview Memorial Estates and they own five cemeteries.
Stan Engh, representative of Memorial Estates, has expressed interest to Bruce in developing another cemetery location in Davis County, knowing that Woods Cross, North Salt Lake, West Bountiful and Fruit Heights do not have cemeteries. The cemetery would be private but the City could negotiate benefits for city residents. There is some undeveloped land around Lund Lane, and one idea is that perhaps Farmington and Centerville cities could work together in facilitating the development of a private cemetery that would benefit both cities, as Farmington is also running out of cemetery space.

The Parks and Recreation Committee agreed they do not want park space at Island View Park to be used for the cemetery expansion. As a result of that consensus, Councilmember Fillmore then suggested, if that is the desire of the Committee, they should write a letter to the City Council requesting the grant money be used for the park improvements, and that other options for the cemetery expansion be considered. Chair Keddington will write a letter to the City Council expressing the desire of the Parks and Recreation Committee that the Island View Park will be park space forever, and will not be used for cemetery expansion. The letter will include the potential of future grant money for future park improvements, that could be lost if Island View Park is converted into cemetery space. A work session will be scheduled with the City Council to discuss this recommendation.

At 8:00 p.m., Leslie Flowers was excused from the meeting.

WETLANDS FOR FOOT SAL COURT

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the City Engineer would need to meet with a wetland consultant, and make recommendations to give to the Army Corps of Engineers before anything can be done with the NW corner of the Community Park. This is the area that was the first choice for a Footsal court by RSL. The conceptual plan for the pond area on the east side of the Frontage Road, just South of Chase Lane, is to make a small nature park, but the pond must be cleaned first. One possible idea is that if this pond area is not already designated as a wetland then it could be made into one, in exchange for another area that is designated as a wetland. Mr. Cox will continue to follow up on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Keddington asked if a report can be given each month on how much RAP Tax money is available, and what the park fund balance is. Mr. Cox said there is now an accounting firm that is providing these services for the City, and he will ask for this information to be provided at future meetings.

Brian Curnow asked about the wetlands property on the hillside at 100 South and 800 East, and if the City is going to purchase this property. Councilmember Fillmore reported this is a flood control basin. The County is going to develop three lots on the south side of the property, and then deed the property on the north side to the City as flood control property.

Melissa Larsen asked about the Smith Park. Councilmember Fillmore reported that William R. Smith donated half of the property in 1930 where Founders Park is located.
The property was named Founders Park, in 1989 when the City Council held a contest to rename the park, and it was changed, and the pioneer statue was added. William R. Smith’s descendants have come to the City Council and requested the park be renamed, Smith Park. The family refused the idea of a plaque honoring William R. Smith, be placed at the park. There are family members who went to the current City Council, and they have agreed to rename the park to William R. Smith Park. It will be up to the Smith family to raise the funds for the park sign to be changed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

At 8:25 p.m., Kelli Hintze made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Curnow seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Lynn Kedington, Chair

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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Date Approved