Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Multi-purpose Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Dailee Gardner
Kelli Hintze, arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Lynn Keddington, Chair
Melissa Larsen
Jon Ruedas
Julianne Zollinger

MEMBERS ABSENT
Tiffany Rees

STAFF PRESENT
Clark Wilkinson, Mayor
Tamilyn Fillmore, City Council Liaison, arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

VISITOR
Paul Stead

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Jon Ruedas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Melissa Larsen seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETING – BORROWING FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND CASH FLOW FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS/RAP TAX

Chair Lynn Keddington reported on the public meeting that was held on park improvements. There were several people who want pickle ball courts instead of tennis courts, but the grant specifications for Island View Park dictate tennis courts must be built. Other people said they want the roads repaired rather than have park amenities, but the Rap Tax can only be used for park improvements and not for roads. Parks and Recreation receives 85 percent of RAP Tax, and the City Council excluded any impact fees when estimating how much the City could bond for and use general fund money to meet the bond obligation. The RAP Tax revenue is projected to be around $2.7 million. The options are bonding and a real property lease with the bank at $1.6 million. The City Council will vote at their next meeting to decide what they will do. There is concern of a price increase on the Island View Park renovations.

At 7:10 p.m., Kelli Hintze arrived at the meeting.
PARKS MASTER PLAN REPORT

Paul Stead, USU graduate student, has been working on the Parks Master Plan since last year, and he distributed a copy of his findings to Committee members for review.

At 7:15 p.m., Tamilyn Fillmore, City Council Liaison, arrived at the meeting.

A survey on what residents would like to have at the parks was mailed to Centerville residents last fall, and 15 percent of the residents responded. One of the most valued park space among the respondents are neighborhood parks, and linear parks along streams and washes. Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, asked about comparisons to national standards, and a city of similar size as Centerville. Mr. Stead explained the overall national standards looked at cities that were larger than Salt Lake City. Utah, in general, has lower park acres per resident than the national average, and Paul speculated that is partly because Utah has large open space in the mountains, and a large amount of BLM property. School property is not included as park space and, therefore, will not be included as gap fillers.

Mr. Stead explained that 60 years ago in Boise, Idaho, the city decided they wanted to revitalize their river, and because of that they revitalized the area and made it beautiful. Residents donated land, and volunteered to help beautify the river area. Perhaps this could be an option in Centerville if residents would donate property.

Mr. Stead discussed the survey responses, and the predominate respondent age was between 35-44 years of age and female. Walking is the preferred way to go to parks, and pedestrian paths and walkways are important to the residents. Cemetery space is the number one priority, followed by walking and nature trails, with splash pads as third. Dog parks are popular nationally, but did not get a large response on the City survey. Perhaps an area at the Community Park could be fenced off for a dog park. Jon Ruedas said the new trend is for a regional dog park that would be eight to ten acres.

Improved playground equipment was a high priority for each park. Julianne Zollinger said small changes could be made at the parks. For example, the Community Park needs to have more sand in the playground area. Bruce Cox said sand is added each year, but it is compacted during the winter. Chair Lynn Keddington suggested the Committee go to each park and list the items that need improvement.

Mr. Stead would like to receive any comments from the Committee as soon as possible at paul.stead@aggiemail.usu.edu. He would like to have the project completed within a month.

Mayor Clark Wilkinson thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for their work and enthusiasm on park improvements.

Chair Lynn Keddington asked Brant Hanson, City Manager, for a cash flow projections on the RAP Tax after the bids are received for the Island View Park.
MOVIE/MUSIC IN THE PARK

June 14th - Spiderman
June 28th - Paddington 2
July 19th - Ralph Breaks the Internet
July 26th - Lego Movie II
August 2nd - Peter Rabbit
August 9th - Incredible Two

Kelli Hintze reported she sent out emails yesterday to musicians for the Music at the Park prior to the movies that are shown. If there is going to be music, everything will need to be set up sooner.

ISLAND VIEW BIDS

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the bid opening for the Island View Park will be on May 16th.

FUTSAL COURT MEETING WITH RSL

Jon Ruedas reported he and Lynn Keddington, and Bruce Cox met with Mary Van Minde, regarding the Futsal Court in Centerville. Funding and getting sponsors are the big issues. Mary said RSL would like the Futsal Court to be a Royals Court that would be the first court in Utah that would be in recognition of the Royals professional women’s team. RSL said if the Committee approved, bigger sponsors can be approached to help with the cost. Centerville would have the largest Futsal Court if it is approved. Mary’s goal is to try and get as many sponsors as possible. Centerville contacted the Recreation District about the field house. RSL would like to sponsor an indoor training facility, and are interested in discussing a partnership with the Recreation District. Jon will keep in contact with Mary on the status of the court.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR TINGEY PAVILION

The Tingey Pavilion at the Community Park is completed, and grass and trees have been planted. A historical plaque honoring the family that donated the property has been made. A ribbon cutting will be held for the new section of the park on June 5th at 6:00 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Committee will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PARK MAINTENANCE – COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments were made for Committee members to visit the parks in Centerville to see what maintenance issues need to be addressed.

Kelli Hintze – Freedom Hills Park
Julianne Zollinger – Community Park
Jon Ruedas – Smith Park
Dailee Gardner – Smoot Park
Melissa Larsen – Porter/Walton Park and Pocket Park

NEXT MEETING

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Smith Park next to City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 8:40 p.m., Kelli Hintze made a motion to adjourn. Dailee Gardner seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

Leah Romero, City Recorder

Date Approved

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary