

MINUTES
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Brandon Park Advisory Committee met in regular session at 5:15 p.m. on February 16, 2022 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Barb Fish, Mindy Hansen, Jon Jacobson, Al Kirkeby, Adam Rothenberger and Leigh Zirbel. Also present were Advisory Member Devin Coughlin and Finance Officer Christina Smith. Absent: City Administrator Bryan Read and City Engineer Tami Jansma.

Member Hansen moved Member Kirkeby seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Member Fish moved Member Kirkeby seconded to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Erin Rieff, BV Middle School art teacher, was present to discuss. Current BV 7th & 8th grade students are making clay poppies as part of the Loyalty Day Parade, with plans to place around town at the VFW, Veterans' Memorial and along the parade route. Member Kirkeby moved Member Hansen seconded to approve the plan as presented, and made recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

Healthy Hometown walk audit update – Angie Brown, Wellmark, was present for discussion. Angie gave an update on the walk audit that was recently done in Brandon.

Softball Association update – no one was present. Devin discussed that the softball association has money for a new batting cage, and they are looking for a location. It was the consensus of the Committee to have a representative from the softball association attend a future meeting.

Parks Department part-time wages were discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee to support the higher wages for the part-time Parks Department staff, as presented.

Concessions options – options were discussed for pool concessions for the 2022 season. Options discussed: vending, concessions or not offer at all. Member Zirbel moved Member Rothenberger seconded to try a year without vending or concessions and allow customers to bring in their own snacks/drinks and made recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

Memorandums of Understanding were discussed. Member Hansen moved Member Kirkeby seconded to make the following recommendations to City Council: Aspen Park \$1,000 to start then \$100 each year after; Soccer \$200 to start then \$100 each year after. Motion carried.

Tree board items – next area for ash tree removals was discussed.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m., having no further business, Member Fish moved Member Zirbel seconded to adjourn the Park Advisory Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Labahn
Municipal Recording Clerk

Devin Coughlin
Park Superintendent