

MINUTES  
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Brandon Park Advisory Committee met in regular session at 5:15 p.m. on September 20, 2023 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 Park Superintendent Devin Coughlin, City Administrator Bryan Read, City Engineer Tami Jansma, Finance Officer Christina Smith and Development Director Patrick Andrews.

Member Fish moved Member Hansen seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Member Kirkeby moved Member Rothenberger seconded to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Aspen Ridge Development – park plans were presented for review. Trent Bruce, DGR Engineering, was present for discussion. Plans are to begin construction next year, 2024. Park to include splash pad, play equipment, pickleball. No action required.

Cruise in for Christ – Adrian Van Bochove was present for discussion. Would like to hold an event on June 15, 2024 at McHardy Park to raise funds for the Veterans Community Project Tiny House Village. Will be a free will offering featuring Christian speakers, music, concessions. Member Kirkeby moved Member Rothenberger seconded to make recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

State Amateur Baseball Tournament – Chris Brown, Brandon Valley Baseball Association, was present for discussion. Brandon will be hosting the State Amateur Baseball Tournament in 2025. Chris discussed plans to add permanent seating for this event. No action required at this time.

Brandon Area Soccer Association – BASH Application. Nate Miller, Brandon Area Soccer Association was present for discussion. With the rain forecast for September 25, they have decided to postpone the BASH until sometime in October. Member Kirkeby moved Member Zirbel seconded to approve the moving of the BASH fundraiser to October, as long as the new alcohol request is approved by City Council. Motion carried.

Brandon Area Soccer Association – alcohol request. Will need to reapply once the new date is set for the BASH fundraiser.

Brandon Area Soccer Association – signage. Lee Henning, Brandon Area Soccer Association, was present for discussion. BASA is wanting to add some signage to the soccer fields at McHardy Park. Lee will work with the City on proper placement of the signs. No further action required.

Aspen Park Associations discussions – Tom Gruenig, Brandon Valley Hockey Association, was present for discussion. Tom discussed that they are ready to move on with the project and would like to begin construction November 1, 2023. John Semchenko, Amanda Barton and Mike Bergst, Brandon Wellness, were present for

discussion. Plans were discussed to construct a wellness/community center at Aspen Park. Nate Miller, Brandon Area Soccer Association, was present for discussion. Stephanie Keizer, Brandon Area Soccer Association, was present for discussion. Melissa Olson, Brandon Area Soccer Association, was present for discussion.

Summer Recreation update – Barb Sperlich, Summer Recreation Director, was unable to attend the meeting, but did provide a report for the 2023 end of year. No action required.

2023 end of year reports for the pool were presented. No action required.

2023 Projects Update – Devin gave an update on projects for this year.

Tree board items – ash tree removals will begin in September.

Liz Christianson, Brandon Valley Softball Association, was present for discussion. The association has plans to paint the sheds at Aspen Park, grey in color. No action required.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Labahn  
Municipal Recording Clerk

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Devin Coughlin  
Park Superintendent