

**MINUTES
CITY OF ELKO NEW MARKET
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
May 10, 2023
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sutton called the meeting of the Elko New Market Parks Commission to order at 6:07 p.m.

Commission members present: Sutton, Vernon, Jones, Hokeness, and West

Members absent and excused: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Thomas Terry, Recreation Programmer Jessica Davidson, and Planner Jake Skluzacek

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sutton led the Parks Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Sutton asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Recreation Programmer Davidson informed him that there have been two additions to the agenda. An item was added to recognize local Boy Scout's service to the community. Another item was added under updates and reports to provide an update to the Commission on baseball field scheduling.

A motion was made by Hokeness and seconded by Jones to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried: (4-0).

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

The Commission welcomed the new Commissioner Dan West. Staff and Commissioners went through introductions. Commissioner West mentioned that he was happy to be on the Commission and thanked everyone for welcoming him.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vernon and seconded by Hokeness to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2023 meeting as submitted. Motion carried: (4-0).

7. RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT SERVICE

The Commission welcomed a local Boy Scout, Bode Jones, who was in attendance with his mother. Jones explained that he and other members of his Boy Scout group helped clean up litter at Wagner Park. Chair Sutton thanked Jones for his service to the community, Staff and the rest of the Commission applauded the Boy Scouts and Jones's work. Jones was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting if he would like.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Layout of Rowena Rink/Courts

Recreation Programmer Davidson introduced the topic and provided background to the Commission regarding outdoor pickleball options. Davidson presented two options for utilizing the Rowena hockey rink for pickleball and basketball. Option 1 detailed a regulation-size basketball court, 94'x50', and two regulation-sized pickleball courts, 44'x20'. The next option featured a shortened basketball court, 74'x50', along with three regulation-sized pickleball courts. Planner Skluzacek had mentioned that there was also a 3rd option to include three regulation-sized pickleball courts and increase overall spacing by turning the basketball court to face north/south. This option also shrinks the basketball court to only 64'x50'.

Joe Serdar, a representative for the pickleball players, was present at the meeting to help with questions from the Commission and to help add to the discussion. Serdar was happy with either option 2 or option 3 that provide for three pickleball courts. It was noted that if all courts faced north/south, there would be less of a chance that stray balls interrupt other games that are being played simultaneously. Discussion followed.

Chair Sutton thanked Serdar for his help. City Administrator Terry asked the Commission to discuss which option they thought would work best. Discussion followed and the Commission reached consensus that option 3 would be the best choice. Planner Skluzacek informed the Commission that the Public Works Director was agreeable to allowing volunteers to paint the lines for the courts. Skluzacek recommended not painting the entire court for maintenance purposes. Terry added that the fully painted surface can also become a slipping hazard in wet conditions. Staff will prepare a clean version of the final layout for dissemination to volunteers and Public Works.

7. UPDATES & REPORTS

A. Baseball Field Scheduling Update

Davidson provided an update for the baseball field scheduling. She did receive a list of days which teams will want to reserve the fields but there were no times indicating when they will be using the fields. Davidson showed an example of what New Prague receives and it is much more detailed. City Administrator Terry stated that it is likely because New Prague utilizes

online reservations which require the user to input all information necessary. Discussion followed. Staff will investigate a reservation option through the City's website hosting vendor.

B. Community Education Updates

Recreation Programmer Davidson gave the Commission an update from the Lakeville Community Education meeting that she had attended. Davidson noted that New Prague's Community Education meeting had not yet met for the month.

C. March Parks Commission Update

An April Parks Commission update was provided in the packet as an informational item.

D. March Parks Financial Report

An April Parks Financial report was provided in the packet as an informational item. Commissioner Hokeness asked Staff if the Kwik Trip park dedication funds have yet been received. City Administrator Terry stated that those funds were paid during the platting process and are included in the current balance.

8. PARKS COMMISSIONER'S QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Recreation Programmer Davidson invited all the Commissioners to attend a meeting at Woodcrest Park on May 18th from 5:30-6:30 PM. Staff will be present to meet with those in the community who wish to share their thoughts on the current park and what they want to see in the park. Ice cream sandwiches will be provided.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission is set for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hokeness and seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried: (4-0).

Respectively submitted by:



Jake Skluzacek
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