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## MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:15pm  
City Hall Lower Level Training Room

**Members Present:** Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brenda Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren, and Melissa Pedrini.

**Members Absent:** Brandon Dobbertin

**Staff Present:** Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*; Reid Wronski – *City Engineer*; Amy Peterson-*Development Services Director*; Sam Wessel – *Planner*; Mike Stifter-*Operations Director*

**Others Present:** None

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Downing to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### OLD BUSINESS

Amy Peterson of the Leadership River Falls group updated Park Board about the group's plan to add fitness trail stations at DeSanctis Park. She shared a map of possible station locations. The group has raised just over \$9,000 so far for the project. There will be either ten or twenty stations based on further donations and fundraising. They would need about \$3600 more for ten stations, and just over \$10,000 more to have twenty stations. They will decide and do additional fundraising. They hope to get it installed by September or October at the latest.

City Planner Sam Wessel updated Park Board about future improvements at Sterling Ponds Park. In July, residents in the Sterling Ponds neighborhood will receive a survey about their desires for amenities in the park space. Park Board gave Sam some ideas for a few changes on the survey. Reese prefers an open-air shelter over a gazebo, which tends to get vandalized. She also suggests that a ball field would be a good amenity. A connection to the corporate park pathways would be a benefit for walkers and bikers. Reese questioned if the big hill could be

cleared wide enough for sledding. She also highly endorses prairie landscaping. The soil is not good; the City will look for opportunities to improve the top soil.

City Engineer Reid Wronski showed some photos of progress at Glen Park as of this afternoon. The cement sidewalks, road curbs, and pavilion show a lot of progress. Splash pad equipment should arrive in mid-July. New trees and lighting will be done later.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MSC Pedrini/Gaulke to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Motion passed 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant