

APRIL 19, 2021 YOUTH & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:15 PM, Meeting at 107 W 2nd St Council Chambers. Members present: Gerard Schueller, Bill Morgan, Allen Hraban. Others present: Admin-Alan Christianson, Mayor Calvin Vacho, DPW-Kurt Gorseger, Asst. DPW- Doug Parker, Jodi Robinson & Josh Prohaska of Youth Baseball.

Call to Order:

Chair Gerard Schueller called the meeting to order at 5:15 Pm.

July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Al Hraban to approve the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Bill Morgan. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments:

Asst. DPW Parker reported that he and Mayor Vacho had met with area coach's and youth baseball leaders to discuss improvements to area ballfields. Some long-term improvements to the industrial ballfield included additional spectator seating, the addition of a third field, new pavilion with restrooms, caps on fencing, scoreboard(s) and the addition of a play type feature. Mr. Parker said Thompson Excavating will be grading the road and parking lot when weather permits.

Mr. Parker asked Committee members to review the entire agenda before making any motion to purchase due to budget constraints.

Security Camera:

As improvements to the industrial park are made the potential for costly vandalism increases. Cameras with cellular capabilities allow police to monitor sites removed from constant public monitoring. Asst. DPW Parker said he had talked to LPD Chief Julien who offered to purchase a camera for use at the Industrial Ballfields. Additional storage sheds will be moved to the Industrial Ballparks as the Mt. Senario Field Closes and a batting cage will be added to the industrial ball park during the 2021 summer season. Additional cameras may be required to adequately secure the site and protect city property. A quote of \$205 was considered for a cellular camera.

Ballfield Surface Improvements:

Field surface improvements were at the top of the priority list per youth baseball. The removal of infield weeds and grass was discussed. The additional of an Ag-line 6069 turf mix will enhance the infield surface. A cost of \$2,250 was quoted by HAAS Sons Inc. for three 16-yard loads delivered to the Industrial Park Ballfields.

Strop Memorial Pavilion:

The Strop Memorial Pavilion structure was reviewed, this structure was originally connected to a concession and bathroom facility that was burned by vandals. The rafters on the north end of the building and a few purlins are charred from the fire. Verdegan Construction provided a quote of \$2,050 to structurally strengthen the existing pavilion by adding plywood support to rafters, new purlins as needed and adding a roof cap to the missing section.

Painting the pavilion was also discussed, Lon Orme provided a quote of \$3,200 to power wash and paint entire structure. The condition of the structure as a long-term or short-term amenity will be discussed at a future meeting.

Bleacher Base:

Jodi Robinson asked if the bleacher base could be enhanced, this could be accomplished by adding a concrete base or another type of compacted base. D.C. Crete provided a quote of \$1,000 to place a 4" concrete base under the bleacher. A suggestion to use asphalt millings under the bleachers was made, DPW Gorsegner said city personnel could do this over the summer season. Committee Members agreed to this solution.

Strop Field Fence Repair:

Strop Memorial Field fencing in front of the dugout boxes is six-foot fencing and is in disrepair, the balance of the fence is in good shape but is leaning or loose. Northern Wisconsin Fence provided a quote of \$4,400 to install new 8' chain-link fence in front of dugouts / bleachers, approx. 80'. The quote also includes straightening the rest of the ballfield posts and retying the posts.

Motion by Al Hraban to purchase the Ag-line mix for \$2,250, Approve Verdegans Pavilion repair for \$2,050 and approve the bid from Northern Wisconsin Fence bid of \$4,400, second by Bill Morgan. Roll Call Vote, Bill Morgan-Yes, Gerard Schueller-Yes, Al Hraban-Yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 5:50 PM,

Meeting Minutes by Doug Parker April 21, 2021