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Meeting Date: 4/9/2020
Meeting Location: Remote Zoom Meeting
Minutes Approved: __1/13/2021__

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 with Dan and AJ in attendance. The meeting was held by Zoom conference due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and pursuant to the revisions to the Open Meeting Laws. All votes will be taken by roll call.

There are no minutes to approve.

Dan and AJ discussed the maintenance position. Chase Duncan declined the maintenance position due to not enough hours. Dan explained they had offered him 2 days and Joe Carlson 3 days. So we could expand Joe's hours or bring in another applicant. There was another qualified applicant, Ryan Braun, who interviewed for Maintenance who was hired as a lifeguard instead due to a lack of spots in Maintenance. All agree we should offer him the 2 day maintenance slot and re-post the lifeguard position.

Dan made a motion to hire Ryan Braun to the Maintenance position at 16 hours per week at a rate of \$12.75 pending a clear background check. AJ seconded and all approved.

Dan discussed the beach. He suggests we repost the lifeguard position. He also said he had held off on posting the lessons due to the COVID-19 Situation. AJ says people will be looking for work in the summer if things open back up and we should definitely post the position.

The commissioners discussed the current COVID-19 situation. Dan said his plan is to keep planning as if we will be allowed to open. AJ agrees. AJ said he thinks there may be restrictions on gatherings into the summer. Dan discussed backup plans for maintenance. This work is essential to keep the fields and facilities from falling into disrepair. Recommendations for social distancing may require no more than 1 person in the parks truck. We cannot have staff drive their own vehicles due to liability issues so we may need to modify the schedule to have them start and stop work on site.

The commissioners discussed the Rec Program Office Assistant Position. Dan explained that Carly Thibodeau got another job offer and is no longer available. One of the applicants for this summer Lindsey Spindel was interested in the shack but we did not have available spots. She has extensive customer service experience and expressed interest in this position. AJ agrees. Dan said the intent is to have the person work Mon-Fri 7:30-2 ish to be there for the first half of the rec program day.

Dan made a motion to offer the Rec Program Office Assistant position to Lindsey Spindel at a rate of \$12.57 for 20-30 hours per week pending a clear background check. AJ seconded and all approved.

The commissioners discussed mosquito treatments for the Park. Dan had got pricing last fall from F&W Pest to treat Memorial Park, Veteran's Park, and Grover Field for mosquitos. The cost is \$550 a month for the Park and \$70 per month for Grover Field. Dan explained he had checked with the Board of Health who asked a few questions. There is some concern Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) could come back this summer. The treatments are not 100% effective but do help reduce the population. AJ said people may be afraid to go out with the COVID-19 thing and EEE. All agree this is worth doing for the park if we can afford it.

Dan also discussed the grub control treatment for Grover Field. There was an issue last fall with skinks digging up part of the field. Dan got a price from Diamond for a treatment (\$1,500). He also checked with Soccer to see if they can get a price from their company.

The commissioners discussed offering to pay for the mosquito treatment at Grover if Soccer will cover the grub control. Dan will reach out to them.

The Commissioners discussed the youth sports groups, COVID 19 and facility use plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.