

JOINT CITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE & RECREATION MEETING-THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 5:30 P.M.

Chairperson Jason TePaske called the Joint City Improvement Committee & Recreation Committee Meeting of the City of Augusta to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were members Brian Leslin, Tugger Francel, Jake Smith, Max TePaske, Barb Balliet, Stacey Leslin, Sue Troxel, and Robert Chaffee. Also present: Cynthia Anderegg. Absent: Clarice Sieg and Scott Williamson

UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FUNDRAISING FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

At this time, most grants for these types of projects are already closed for this season and will reopen next year. Jodi Shong will work on this for the next submission date. They will continue to research available grants and keep the group updated when grants become available.

Jake Smith will oversee a t-shirt fundraising project. He will organize a design contest the focus will be to build community awareness and involvement. The Augusta Area Foundation will donate \$1,000 for the t-shirt project, per Judy Dekan.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PARK IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Planned projects:

- Resurface basketball courts at the Main Street Gym Playground and Millstone Park
- Build gazebo at Main Street Gym Playground
- Build a disc golf course.
- Cleanup and build racetrack around play area at Water Street Park
- Cleanup Augusta City Park, paint gazebos, clean & paint picnic tables

Workdays have been scheduled with the Augusta School District 7th & 8th grade classes for Earth Day. The students will be cleaning in the Millstone and Augusta City Parks on April 22nd. Wildlands students volunteered for cleanup duty in the Water Street Park on April 23rd. Tugger Francel will provide food for the students.

The Augusta Senior & Community Center developed a Google Docs survey for volunteers to use to sign up to volunteer for workdays in the parks.

Corey Bauch has been working on the signs for the parks.

The group discussed incorporating the Community Night Out event on August 6th with showcasing the parks with a “Parks Crawl”.

The group plans for “Art in the Park” by painting the picnic tables and redoing the mural at the city garage. The school art teacher has agreed to help with this.

Augusta Tire has volunteered to repair and repaint the slide at Water Street Park. The merry-go-round has also been repaired by the city crew.

The City will be posting updates on the park improvements as the projects progress to keep the public informed.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm. The City Recreation Committee and Senior & Community Center will be invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sue Troxel seconded by Barb Balliet to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Cynthia Anderegg, City Clerk