City of Hoopeston Park Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 1/23; called to order at 6:03; we were not able to get the zoom working; DJ ended up calling Mayor wise and had him on speaker phone.

 Attendees were:

Bob Porth

Cam Walder, cmwalder@gmail.com

Michael Silver, slvrmichael@gmail.com

DJ McCalla, scayne62@gmail.com

Kristi Hudson

Sports Complex:

Cam, Michael and DJ all presented very good ideas for a Sports Complex. They brought up that there are to be 4 diamond fields with 2 being softball, 1 of those being a possible convertible field and 2 being baseball, with one of those being a possible convertible field. There would also be one football field and one soccer field. They discussed one concession for all. There should be ample parking as well for all fields.

The biggest hurdle is the money/funding. They discussed grants, local donors, corporate sponsors.

They were asked to begin with a simple drawing, which they are working on. They are working with approximately 25 acres if they use the current soccer complex. 

Michael mentioned the site as the current soccer complex, while DJ mentioned the possibility of the current little league field adding in the Vermilion Iron works location.

They discussed seeing which would have bigger expenses/most cost effective.

They all agreed that even though their children currently play, they will not see the benefits of this as it could take 5 years to build. This is 100% for the future of the children in this city. With the hotel coming, that opens up so many possibilities for tournaments and other things.

As it was only Bob and myself, we skipped discussing the Civic center issues.

Pool:

Kristi presented us with issue needed for the pool this year.

-Bob Brown will be doing an inspection. This was missed last year, possible cause of not catching the caulking issue.

-the rerouting of the water into the lagoon. It has to be rerouted elsewhere when emptying. Is the Water department working on this? I told Kristi, I would discuss with Steve.

-The ADA accessible steps; which are greatly needed for everyone from the very little to the very old, require a permit from the state. Someone from Spears went to bat for us, but was denied. So, the cost is an estimated engineer cost of 2500-5,000 plus the permit fee of $800.00. Angela asked Kristi if this was a one-time permit fee or annual, she is looking into that as she did not know.

-Taking those steps in/out of the pool daily (as to how they got around not needing the permit last year) caused damage to the steps and will need to be repaired. No estimate yet.

-Floor coating on bathhouses. Pre-estimate at $10-11K before putting out to bid. 

-Kristi also wanted to let us know that the HAC will be providing a $500.00 scholarship to an outgoing senior student who worked at the pool. This years recipient was Bri Crose.

-The HAC is purchasing stand up paddle boards for $1000.00, that is for 5 boards. They will be used for trainings

-There are two certification classes needed. The first is for Kristi to be a Certified Pool Operator. She is not able to make the in-class training and will do on her spring break via on-line. While she offered to pay the $400.00 fee herself, Mayor Wise an myself feel the City can cover this expense for her. The second class is to certify the coach in teaching swim lessons. That expense is $300.00.

(Bob asked when these will be completed as to know if they will be in by fiscal year end or need to be put on next year's budget?)

-Noted that Kara Garman-Bracewell was her assistant pool manger

-The Boo at the Pool was not as successful as hoped due to the weather. After expenses only $1000.00 was profited. 

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00