

City of DeWitt
Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 Minutes
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dave Hunsaker called the July 28, 2021 Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Hunsaker, Waters, Lenneman, Donohue and Costigan.

Staff: Daniel Coss, City Administrator, Rich Miller, DPS Supervisor

Others: Tanya Moore, Spicer Group and Joe Wright (virtual), Spicer Group

AUDIENCE: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Donohue, supported by Commissioner Costigan to approve the agenda for July 28, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Waters, supported by Commissioner Lenneman to approve the minutes for February 10, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Parks Inventory and Assessment

Tanya Moore, Spicer Group, went over the Draft Parks Inventory and Assessment with the Commission. Ms. Moore covered each park inventory and the recommendation for the playground equipment in each of the seven (7) parks. The assessment is recommending replacement of equipment in six of the seven City Parks. The All-Kids Playground equipment is not being recommended for replacement at this time based on the condition assessment.

Commissioner Waters commented that due to the amount of equipment that is being recommended for replacement the Commission should prioritize the order in which the equipment will be replaced and identify the parks that would be expanded with additional amenities. Commissioner Waters noted that it would be ideal if projects could be packaged together and apply for any grants that are available.

Chair Hunsaker commented that the assessment creates two tracts to evaluate; 1.) playground equipment that needs to be replaced due to age, 2.) identify expansion of equipment. Chair Hunsaker commented that procuring grants for new equipment

sometimes takes multiple application cycles and is concerned about waiting to replace the older equipment while waiting for grant funding.

Commissioner Donohue would like to take a holistic approach and evaluate all the parks needs and create a prioritized list and schedule for all the parks.

Commissioner Costigan and Lenneman both commented they are looking forward to creating a plan for each of the parks.

The Commission requested for the August 11, 2021 meeting to go over the Master Plan for Riverside Park that Spicer created in 2016 and review the community surveys that were completed in 2015 and 2020.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Donohue, supported by Commissioner Costigan to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Coss, Recording Secretary