

Park & Recreation Committee  
May 23, 2022 Agenda  
5:30 p.m.

1. Park & Recreation Committee – 5:30 p.m. – May 23, 2022
2. No items have been submitted at the time of publication

**Members Present:** Councilors Josh Broadwater & Dave Frank.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Brian Burkholder, Jake , Pete Fryer, Gavin Carr, Carmen Narveson, Shane Fox and Joel Young.

**Mill Creek Improvements:** Pete Fryer presented plans to improve Mill Creek, from Fillmore County Road 2 to the confluence of the creek with the Root River. He was providing engineering services to Trout Unlimited to design the project and provided the committee with how the project will be phased and completed.

**Groen Park Bridge over Mill Creek Grant:** The committee talked about the possibility of installing a pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek in Groen Park. A grant will be submitted to try to acquire \$75,000 to help pay for the improvements.

**Bandshell Improvements:** Brian Burkholder explained that the bandshell needs some trim work repairs. He received three quotes, Claude Moore at \$5,210 and painting from Fenske Painting at \$5,600 and Bob Schlieff Painting for \$6,230. Carmen Narveson has received a \$4,000 grant from the Booster Club and \$1,000 from the Firefighters Activities Association. Burkholder said there is just under \$2,000 in a reserve fund that could be used to get this done. This will be presented to the next meeting of the city council.

**Mountain Biking Proposal:** Gavin Carr, a local 8<sup>th</sup> grader, presented a request that the City allow mountain biking on city property that is not developed. He suggested the property on County Road 10 or the brush dump or other properties that the City might have. Carr suggested that this could be an attractive feature for the community and would result in people spending money in town, too. His more favored property is the County Road 10 property, although he acknowledges that it would take a fair amount of work to get the trails in place.

Burkholder suggested that the City might be able to mow some paths for them to use, although the use of heavy equipment might be difficult to provide. The committee members thought it would be good to pursue, to see if it could be feasible, with the thought that Carr and others could recruit volunteers to help make future improvements. Burkholder also said that the brush dump property would not be a good option.

Gavin was told that the committee is open to supporting this effort and was asked to develop more ideas pertaining to signs, parking, access, etc. He pointed out that access is difficult because of a barbed wire fence that is in place. Gavin was told that he is allowed to ride on the property and he is expected to report back to the meeting in May.

**Punch Card for Swimming Pool:** Passing on punch cards right now.....if other communities want to bring a bus load of kids, the manager could have the right to offer them a discount.

**Consider concrete improvements in park near dugouts:** Burkholder presented a proposal to install concrete around the dugouts, bleachers and to the shelter at Mill Creek Park. He received three concrete quotes and one blacktop quote....Asphalt Armor Sealcoating & Paving - \$14,910 for blacktop; Dan Ramaker Concrete -

\$15,000; Legacy Concrete - \$17,572.50 and TS Concrete - \$24,250. The committee wanted to be assured that the Ramaker proposal includes the same scope of work as the other contractors. Next council meeting.....

**Pool Zip Line Proposal:** A new retractor system is available for the zip line equipment at a cost of \$1,700. – next city council meeting...

**Lone Stone Playground Equipment Sale:** Lonestone play equipment is ready to be scrapped, although a resident has indicated a desire to purchase part of the equipment. The committee authorized the sale of the equipment.

**Mower Replacement:** Burkholder reported that it is not possible to get a mower delivered this year.