

Fort Calhoun Park Board Minutes

October 6th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. Members Christensen, Lautrup, Welchert, Barabas, and Musser in attendance. Park Commissioner Shuler also present. Open meeting laws reviewed.

Board approved minutes from the September 1st, 2016 board meeting.

Board discussed next steps for the gazebo project in West Market Square Park. Commissioner Shuler noted that the wooded sides were complete, and the signs and siding would be completed next. Concrete may not be completed this fall due to weather. Commissioner Shuler also commented that the city council favored removing the existing shelter structure and replacing with a pergola. Item tabled until next meeting.

Board discussed addition of members to the Park Board. No decisions made for recommendations to the city council at this time.

Board discussed a potential reservation system for use of the gazebo. Item tabled until next meeting.

Board discussed shade for the baseball, softball, and T-Ball complex. Member Christensen presented a bid for a shade for \$28,000 that would cover 3 sets of bleachers, which did not include installation. Installation for this bid would be an additional 25%. Board tabled discussion and Member Christensen took action to pursue additional bids for a lower cost.

Board discussed lighting for the new gazebo, with an idea for LED rope lights on the interior, and the need for either an on/off switch, or running the lights on a timer. Board also reviewed a bid for Christmas lights from Bright Ideas. Member Lautrup discussed potential use of multicolor LED lights on the exterior that could facilitate year round needs, and took action to discuss with a community member that uses them on their private residence. Discussions on the lighting were tabled.

Member Christensen discussed the Pioneer Park Trail adjacent to Monroe Street. The drainage on the sidewalk is creating a potential safety issue. The board requests the maintenance department evaluate options to reroute the drain path to prevent from running across the sidewalk.

Member Lautrup updated the board on the status of the picnic tables ordered in September and they are on their way. They will be installed in the new gazebo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.