

Fort Calhoun Park Board Meeting for February 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Members Christensen, Lautrup, Welchert, Barabas, and Musser in attendance. Open meeting laws reviewed.

Board approved minutes from the October 6th, 2016 board meeting.

Roy Prauner presented a plan for baseball field improvements. Roy discussed development of a tiered seating concept for the 1st base side of the baseball field, utilizing crushed white rock and timber/railroad ties for construction. Roy has already procured funds via donations to support the projected and stated Rock Hard Concrete will volunteer their services to support the ground work. Board motioned and approved recommendation to allow Roy to install the tiered seating, as proposed.

Roy Prauner presented a proposal for installation of 2 nets on the baseball field backstop. The nets will be purchased through funds provided via public donations at a cost of \$1,000. The board motioned and approved installation of the nets using the donations as proposed.

Board discussed shade for the baseball, softball, and T-Ball complex. Member Christensen discussed the possibility of the high school shop class building a structure to over the stands, which would be a cheaper alternative to that discussed for a commercial system as discussed in the October 2016 meeting (\$28,000 with an additional 25% for installation). Board tabled discussion and Member Christensen took action to pursue option.

Board discussed next steps for the gazebo project in West Market Square Park. No additional updates or pending changes to the plan are projected until spring.

Board discussed expectations of the park board, including park use fees. Board discusses a reservation system for the new gazebo in West Market Square Park. Member Christensen took an action to discuss how the City of Bennington utilizes their reservation system.

Park Board assigned ownership of parks for 2017:

Pioneer Park – Christensen
West Market Square – Barabas
Ball Parks – Welchert
Viewpoint – Musser
Trails – Lautrup

Board discussed assignment Park Board officers for 2017:

President: Christensen
Secretary: Musser

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

Board discussed recognition of personnel involved in construction of the West Market Square Park gazebo, including former Park Board President Randy Schrum. Board recommends installation of a memorial plaque for those involved in making the project a reality.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.