

City of Buffalo City – Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
6:00 pm at the Buffalo City Municipal Building

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Recreation Chair George Fuller at 6pm. Also present: Mayor Ben Holien, Kim Beseler, City Superintendent Stan Meier and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt.

Discussed bid specifications for the Piechowski Memorial Shelter. Would like bids to be back by March 6th to be opened at the March 13th City Council meeting. Bids will be requested for the entire project to be broken into three components including construction, concrete and electrical. Construction materials will be purchased from Halverson Lumber. Clerk will get an updated bid amount from them on the brown treated lumber. Bid the 20x20 Gazebo plan with 24x24 4" cement slab. Add an alternative of stained, stamped cement. Electrical want 4 double outlets on each post higher up with the control box in the shelter and roughed in electrical for lighting to each end of the gable for inside lights and possibly an outside light. Require the estimated completion date of the project to be May 19, 2023. Want the shelter up before Memorial Day. Would like to see a dedication Memorial Day weekend. Will have George as the contact for contractor once selected. Holien requested the Waneks be sent updated information once the bids are received. Plans for the cedar two-sided swing in honor of James Haukoos have been moving forward. Clerk has confirmed that Nick Serjogins is willing to put the swing together if the City provides the materials. Clerk is working with Halverson lumber to get the materials list in a better form or a swing kit for Serjogins to use. Committee would like to see a 8x8 cement pad placed for the swing to sit on. Possibly have this done at the same time the shelter cement is poured?

Discussion on issues at the skating rink. Committee would like to look into security cameras for the entire park area. Fuller will speak with the phone company about the possibility of Wi-Fi at the park. Holien would like cameras to cover the pavilion areas, ball courts and rink and warming house. Beseler agrees good for safety and liability issues.

Discussed the WI DNR tree grant the City has for 2023. Meier marked 6 Chinese Elm trees in the city park that he would like to take down as part of the grant. We have \$5,000 to spend on removing invasive and dead trees and \$5,000 to spend planting new trees. Meier is in the process of picking out some larger trees to replace the ones he removes. Committee agreed a few of the trees are bunched together anyway and if Meier will replace with the larger trees they think it will be a good idea. The City was told by our district DNR representative that we are also guaranteed the same grant opportunity for the next two years so there can be more trees taken out and replaced in other areas. Beseler mentioned the crab apple trees in the cemetery that cause a mess on headstones. Committee agrees these should be taken care of this year. Would like Meier to take the remaining four out and replace with four new trees as part of the grant this year. Meier needs to get a list of the trees he wants to purchase together for the DNR that must be preapproved before purchase.

Motion Beseler, second Holien to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the Recreation Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer