

Village of Eagle
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
July 23, 2019
Eagle Municipal Park Shelter

The meeting convened at 6:07 PM with the following members present: Cassidi Denton, Kayla Johanson, Elizabeth Umshler, Travis Moore, and Dan Meier.

The Commission held it's organizational portion of the meeting and elected a chairperson and a secretary. Motion by Denton, second by Johanson to elect Kayla Johanson as Chairperson and Liz Umshler as secretary. Yes: 3, No: 0.

The Commission spent the majority of the meeting walking through the park and identifying areas that need improvement or areas that could be better utilized. The following is a list of project ideas or improvements to be considered by the commission and the Village Board of Trustees.

- Additional seating is needed around the playground and around the deck of the pool. The idea of doing some fundraising for "in-memorial of" benches was brought up as a way to honor loved ones and members of the community while also achieving the goal of more seating.
- Litter around the park is a constant problem. Additional trash cans should be placed on the west side of the park by the playground and at each of the picnic shelters, as well as in the dugouts and around the pool baseball field.
- There is a lot of green space in the park, some of which could be utilized to provide additional activities for families. It was suggested to look at the cost and difficulty of adding horseshoe pits, frisbee golf, additional sand volleyball courts, or fitness equipment in the park.
- It was suggested that the village contact OPPD about adding additional lighting around the existing volleyball courts.

- Access from one side of the park to the other is limited and not very convenient and it was suggested to look at adding a bridge or additional culvert toward the center of the creek. This would be especially vital if improvements are made on the west side and more access will be necessary.
- There is an existing culvert that drains on the east side of the creek near the tennis courts. The commission suggest extending the culvert further west to drain into the creek to prevent standing water, damage to the grass, and possible mosquito breeding areas.
- There are two picnic shelters located on the west side of the park. Structurally they seem to be fine. However, the concrete pad under both of them needs to be replaced. The structures need a fresh coat of paint. These shelters hardly get used, so it was suggested that picnic tables be moved to both locations and that we look at adding a stationary grill and a trash can to increase use of the shelter.
- Picnic tables under the main shelter with the restrooms need to be replaced with newer, more modern tables. Any tables that are still salvageable should be placed at the shelters on the west side. The picnic tables at the pool could also be replaced.
- Additional seating at the pool was also addressed. Specifically, we would like to look at the cost of lounge chairs or beach chairs that might be used out on the deck.
- The pool baseball field is in need of updated. Specifically, the benches and bleachers need to be replaced, the dugouts need to be updated to be more like a dugout, and the infield needs to weed control.
- Playground equipment on the west side of the park is outdated and needs to be replaced. There was discussion about whether we add equipment that is geared more towards younger kids or something more appropriate for older kids. Do we know the age range for the dinosaur park equipment?
- The doors going into the showers/restrooms at the pool need to be replaced. We also need to add better locks on all doors and windows.
- If we want people to know what is happening in our community, it would be a great idea to add a message/bulletin board at the park. This could potentially serve as one of the village's three public posting places.

- It was also discussed that the commission would like to look at teaming up with another organization(s) to offer activities in the park on a regular basis. These could range from movies, concerts, volleyball tournaments, or some other type of activity.

The Commission discussed meeting again on August 12th or 13th. However, no official decision was made and the next meeting date is to be determined.

Motion by Johanson, second by Umshler to adjourn. Unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.