

**RECREATION COMMITTEE-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016-6:00 PM-BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Buffalo City Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Ben Holien. Present: Russ Lorenz, Kevin Mack and City Superintendent Stan Meier.

Discussion on turning part of the Foelsch land currently leased out as farm land into a small campground. Committee would like to consider the possibility of starting with 5 to 10 sites with a future vision of between 50 and 100 sites. All current Foelsch Park land would remain the same. The land was given to the City in the 90s with distinct wishes that the woods area remains as natural as possible with park trails. The City has been working hard to maintain the trails in the last few years and keep the Foelsch vision of the natural park alive. Holien and Lorenz said they think the campground is needed/wanted in the City and could ideally be located adjacent to the Foelsch Park land. Discussion about not wanting a campground to be in competition with any other lodging options in the City. Holien said he thinks the initial planning should include a two or three step process with future visions starting with a few camp site pads, trees, picnic tables and fire rings and eventually include a small playground, water, showers, bathrooms and possible holding tank all in the future. Clerk will find the official land survey and look into how other communities with campgrounds. Meier will measure an area on the 3 acres of land adjacent to the park and have the current septic system inspected to see if it is usable. Lorenz and Holien to put an initial sketch together of what they would like to see as far as sites. Committee will meet again in early 2017 to discuss further.

10<sup>th</sup> Street Park discussion included possible Frisbee golf course plans in the future. Was mentioned a few years ago with possible C-BC Lions interest in helping fund the project. Lorenz to talk to Lions about this again. The fascia on the bathrooms should be completed in this budget year if possible. Meier to talk to contractor. Holien still working on upgrade of basketball courts. He said this would be a public funded project and is looking into costs and getting donations. Skating Rink too dark on one side. Lorenz to look into getting another light. Only one application was received for the rink attendant. Ad will run again with applications due at the December meeting. Holien will discuss new playground equipment with a possible donor that was interested in putting something in the park in memory of a loved one. Lorenz to work on tether ball project. Grills in the triangle parks on River Road were discussed. Meier is to remove the grills on 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets and leave the one on 8<sup>th</sup>.

ATV/golf cart use on City Streets was discussed. Committee would like to look into this again. Find out for sure what signage would be needed, what regulations there are and what the cost would be to the City.

Motion Lorenz, second Mack to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Jennifer Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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