

City of Buffalo City – Recreation Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 1, 2023
6 pm at the Buffalo City Park

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

Meier getting quotes from Kendal for the shelter roofs. Fuller would like quotes on shelters and Chicken stand for steel and shingles. Also would like to get quote for a 4' apron around the shelter on the hill and Holien said he'd like to see a larger section of concrete in front of that shelter also like the main one. Talked about using it for music at Wednesdays in the Park. Future plan to see a band shell somewhere in the park for that event. For next year may try some more lighting in the main shelter for entertainment also. Will add some to budget for the Wednesdays as well.

Would like work on jailhouse to be budgeted as well as working with historical society to see what they are going to cover. Work to include doors, windows and tuckpointing. Think Bill Bruegger of historical society is working with Ron Speltz on doors. Fuller would like Meier to get an estimate on some simple windows. Thinks the current caulk is very dried out on the old windows. Maybe we don't need to replace the old type. Holien said we could keep them if the historical society ever wanted to restore them in the future. We do have someone interested in getting the inside cleaned up and organized to possibly use as a museum to open on Wednesdays next summer. Ehlenfeldt will work with them on that.

Fuller talked about options for the bathrooms. Would like to run electricity into the bathrooms for lighting and add smart locks so they could lock when the park is closed. We could also add a timer on the lights at the basketball courts to prevent them from staying on all night when someone forgets to shut them off. Still need to look into the pickleball net conversion kit as well. Holien asked Meier to budget for resurfacing under the swing set closest to 10th street so that the plastic under the rocks is covered. Meier said he is also getting some numbers on a play set for toddler aged children. Ehlenfeldt asked about looking into a few tables that could possible have umbrellas attached in the middle for event days. Fuller would like to see some electric added by the fireplace/grill area near 10th Street.

Holien would like the ballpark to be updated to honor our local veterans in some way since it is called Veteran's Memorial Park. Will come up with ideas to work on this next year. Fuller would like the upgrades the PYAA talked about completed. Holien will discuss with PYAA about the concession stand and the area around the sign.

Discussed upkeep of Foelsch Park. Holien would like the trails to be mowed more. He thought the trails could be mulched with wood used from inside the park. Fuller thinks the mulch wouldn't work well on trails. Would prefer it just be mowed down more often. Holien said he would like the trails maintained more often and some of the dead wood taken out more in the spring again. He also would like Meier to look into possibly getting rid of the City's skidsteer lease and replacing it with a lease on a small tractor to do the same work.

Holien also mentioned that he had communication from a company interested in leasing the farm land attached to Foelsch Park for a solar project. The proposal was for quite a bit of money per year that he said could be put towards future City park projects. He would like to discuss more with the council.

Motion Fuller, second Holien to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the Recreation Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer