

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 30th day of July. 2018 at 5:45 p.m., City of Tomah Council Chambers.

The following members were present: Oak Moser, Dir. Joe Protz, Dustin Powell, Bruce Peth, Lamont Kiefer, Shirley Galstad-Roh, Larry Siekert, Jared Tessman

The following members were absent: Tess Saunders

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Others present: Roger Gorius, Wayne Kling

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Powell (with some spelling corrections) to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2018 regular meeting, second by Galstad-Roh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Nomination and election of Park and Recreation Commission Chairman:

Peth nominated Dustin Powell for the Chairman's position, second by Galstad-Roh. No further nominations. All ayes, motion carried.

Jared Tessman was introduced to the Commission as the recently appointed member to fill the position left with the passing of Steve Doll.

Update on Boy Scout Cabin: Dir Protz updated the PRC with some information on the situation with the Boy Scout Cabin in Buckley Park. Utilities remain in place for the cabin. The Park and Rec Dept continues with minor maintenance and grounds work. The Commission was reminded that the building is now listed on the State and National Historic Registrars. The roof and some perimeter logs need restoration work. There are other conditions with the cabin to be addressed as well. Dir Protz is targeting potential work in 2020 dependent on availability of funds. Wayne Kling was present to provide further details on the cabin and efforts to gain its restoration. Mr Kling, along with Alderperson Shawn Zabinski, are members of the Historic Preservation Committee and are active in fund raising efforts to restore the cabin. To date, approx. \$4600 have been raised. The current quote to restore the perimeter logs is \$9186. Fund raising continues and will include a cookout at Festival Foods in Sep this year, and a "tip night" at Culver's in Oct of this year. MR Kling expressed concern over access to the keys for the cabin entrance and after some discussion it was determined that the Park and Rec Dept will simply replace the current locks on the building and manage the keys. There were additional Q&A between the Commission members and Mr Kling. Dir Protz communicated that there will be a further update provided at a PRC meeting the spring of 2019. No formal action taken.

Discussion on geese in Winnebago Park and Lake Trail: Some community members are finding droppings (feces) from the geese in Winnebago Park to be a nuisance. Additionally, there has been some feedback about the City permitting the growth around the lake perimeter to get tall enough to make access for fishing difficult. In actuality, experience has shown that allowing the growth to grow tall along the shore tends to control the geese access to the Parks. This item was for

discussion only at this time. The situation will continue to be monitored. The suggestion was made to contact other municipalities with similar situations to determine if they have found successful remedies. The information was taken under advisement by Dir Protz.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir Protz reviewed the July Park and Rec Program report. Summer programs are winding down and preparations for fall programs are underway. Team Rubicon was in town and undertook several projects to include demolition and removal of the observation tower along the Lake Trail (following an assessment that indicated it would not be worth another repair), removal of some ash trees remaining in some Parks, and removal of overgrowth below the dam and along the shore line. The Parks and Rec Dept is extremely grateful for Team Rubicon's continued contributions in Tomah.

Other Affairs:

- The National Squirrel Association continues to raise funds and is considering an inclusive playground project of Butts Park.

Motion by Peth to adjourn, second by Moser. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next regular monthly meeting to be held Monday, Aug 27, 2018, 5:45PM, at Buckley Park.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser