

Sleepy Eye Park Board Minutes

6 PM

May 13, 2019

City Garage

Members attending: JoAnn Schmidt, Pat Starkey, Greg Tennant, Diane Evers and Steve Lingen
Absent: Randy Zinniel and Nicole Krenz

Dog Park: A group of people attended to inquire how to establish a dog park within Sleepy Eye. Steve informed the group that there was a parcel of land available to establish such a park. It would be up to a group of interested individuals to determine the details to the park and raise funds to build and maintain such a park. The parks department would provide fencing material and assist with the placement of the fence. The group attending will return to our next meeting with plans to complete this project.

Arbor Day: St Mary's and Sleepy Eye Public fourth graders participated in this event. There were 62 students attending. Four trees were planted. An informative program was presented by the mayor and staff from Brown County Soil and Water Conservation.

Swimming lessons and Park and Rec sign up: This was held May 8, 2019. Of interest, 29 individuals signed up for the fishing class.

Pool wages: Board members approved an increase in wages for pool staff. Greg Tennant made the motion, Pat Starkey seconded the motion, and other members approved.

Park one-ton Truck: Steve showed board members the new 2015 truck that was purchased for the Parks department. It will also be used by other departments.

Miscellaneous: The two summer employees (Anna Lux & Megan Labot) have been working for about 2 weeks. They have been picking up branches at Allison Park and will be continue with mowing, weed eating, and other things. Shrubs have been planted at the campground and other areas in Sportsmen's Park. The campground docks will be put in soon. Soccer field nets, volleyball nets, and batting cage have all been installed. Pool cleanup is going on with plan to open June 3. Story time thru the library will be at South Park in June and July. Soccer camp will be conducted by St. John staff this summer. Some thought has been given if we are going to have Park and Rec run the program if St. John's aren't doing it next year. Recycling Day will be conducted in Eagles Park on May 15, 2019. The city is looking at software to handle all reservation needs of the city to include the campground, picnic shelters and possible baseball and softball fields. This could all be done online.

Next meeting: June 10, 2019 at 6 PM Prairieview Park, weather permitting.