

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2019**

A regular meeting of the City of Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Imlay City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Villanueva.

Present: Frank Demske, Alan Rosenbalm, Heather Sample and Chairman Villanueva.  
Also Present: City Manager Youatt and ROWE Consultant Doug Schultz

The Commission added Election of Officers and Lions Park on the agenda. It was moved by Rosenbalm, seconded by Demsek to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. 4 yeas.

It was moved by Rosenbalm, seconded by Demske to approve minutes of the November 14, 2019 Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried. 4 yeas.

The Commission reviewed and accepted the Financial Report dated December 31, 2018.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved by Demske, seconded by Sample to elect Kelly Villanueva as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried. 4 yeas.

It was moved by Demske, seconded by Rosenbalm to elect Heather Sample as Vice- Chairman for the Commission. Motion carried. 4 yeas.

OLD BUSINESS: ROWE Consultant Schultz reviewed the documents of the proposed Splash Pad with the Commission. The Commission reviewed a number of designs that were presented. Schultz discussed with the Commission that although he is working with Aquatix at this time on design options, the contractor realizes that there is a bid process for advertising, reviewing bids received from additional contractors.

The Commission discussed the overall estimated budget of between \$ 350,000 and \$ 400,000. Splashpad design D-C with a construction budget estimated at \$ 165,000 to \$ 175,000 with approximately 17 different elements with a dimension of approximately 52 feet by 80 feet was looked at favorably by the Commission. Youatt asked Commissioners to review this proposal in more detail and to let him know what specific features are requested. The deadline for a DNR Recreation Passport grant is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Youatt stated that the Commission will need to make a recommendation for the Splashpad design and budget to the City Commission at the Parks and Recreation Commission February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the use and effectiveness of current design of Lions Park. There are many good features that are used including the ballfield, pavilion shelter and the Belle River, but the overall placement of facilities and park entrance need improvement. The Commission agreed that with current on-going projects, Lions Park renovation will need to wait for a few years.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Villanueva discussed the opportunity for adding a Pergola at the Butterfly garden for a very reasonable cost. The Commission supported this idea and Youatt will look into this.

The Commission discussed the need to start planning for the removal or demolition of the house purchased by the City at Old School Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Tom Youatt, Acting Secretary