Municipal Properties Committee Meeting

04/11/2017 @ 6:02PM to 6:32PM

Present:

Committee

Dennis Dinkelacker, Jim Martin, Kitty Zech and Alana Tucker, Chair

Council

Amy, Richter, Jim Sunderhaus and Patrick Tiettmeyer

Guests (Administration)

Tom Braun, Safety Service Director, Sam Keller, Mayor, Debbie Slaughter, Law Director, Robert Klein, Fire Chief and Joseph Lally, Police Chief

Guests (Community members)

Joe Healy, Connie Keller and Kim Rohr

The topic of this Committee meeting was the continued discussion of a Splash Park for the Cheviot Pool at Harvest Home Park.

The concept of the Splash Park was discussed by the Committee and guests. The Committee expressed a desire to move forward on this project for the betterment of the community. It is the goal of the Committee for the Splash Park to be installed and open by the summer of 2018, to commemorate the Bicentennial of the City of Cheviot. Having previously met with consultants, the Administration has proposed that the "kiddy pool" be replaced by the Splash Park. This recommendation is based upon the best use of current infrastructure, logistics and a desire to upgrade and modernize Cheviot Pool and Harvest Home Park to best service the community. The recommendation would also increase the current foot-print of the "kiddy pool" which would allow for more children to utilize the space. In addition, this Splash Park would be handicap accessible which provides opportunities to a wider audience of children than previous. It is anticipated that the Splash Park would increase membership to the Cheviot Pool by two to three times the normal membership.

The Committee outlined the following benefits for the Splash Park:

- a. Increased membership to the pool.
- b. Accessible to all ages of children, previously only accessible to toddlers.
- c. Handicap accessibility, promoting inclusion.
- d. Safe environment for children to play.
- e. Major upgrade to the Cheviot Pool and Harvest Home Park.

The Committee discussed additional recreation ideas they had for the park:

- a. Frisbee golf course
- b. Pickle ball court
- c. Botchy ball court
- d. Shuffle board
- e. Upgrade the basket ball courts

- f. Sand volley ball
- g. Community crafts with children.

The Committee discussed current opportunities that children have to participate within the City of Cheviot:

- a. Cheviot Pool
- b. Baseball fields (4 field, Cheviot Field House and Harvest Home Park)
- c. Horse Shoes (4 stations)
- d. Fitness stations at Harvest Home Park (12 stations)
- e. Play Grounds (2, Cheviot Field House and Harvest Home Park)
- f. Picnic tables, shelters and grills (Cheviot Field House and Harvest Home Park)
- g. In-door basket ball court (1 court, Cheviot Field House)
- h. Tennis Courts (2, Cheviot Field House)
- i. Public Library
- j. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- k. Community theater
- I. Various Community and City Sponsored events, including but not limited to the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Spooktactular, Family Day and Harvest Home Fair.
- m. Parades (3, Harvest Home, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day)
- n. Cheviot Police Association / Cheviot Fire Association sponsored baseball and softball teams and events.

Mayor Keller will be speaking to local community groups regarding the Splash Park.

The Committee reviewed a Resolution prepared by our Law Director, Debbie Slaughter authorizing permission and expressing support for the City of Cheviot to apply for the NatureWorks grant which would be utilized for the Splash Park at Harvest Home Park. The Committee unanimously approved this Resolution. The Resolution will be voted on by all of Council on April 18, 2017.

The Committee was reminded of the Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7PM to accept input from the community regarding the Splash Park and asked to encourage participation.

Alana Tucker

Dennis Dinkelacker

Jim Martin