

baseball, soccer, and softball fields. At least 48-50 acres would be needed to accommodate the need for all sport activities that happen within our county / city.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Eagle Scout Project Proposal-Andrew Pearson Boy Scout Troop 436

Andrew Pearson made a presentation to the commission for his Eagle Scout Project. He proposes to construct a pergola sun shade structure at the Veteran's Skate Park in the SW corner were the old basketball courts used to be. On April 16, 2015 Andrew received approval from the Eagle Scout Board to move forward with the approval process of his project. Andrew passed pictures around of a similar project that was done at Hollister Hills SVRA. Upon approval from the commission, Andrew has a timeline as follows. On May 30, 2015 materials needed would be purchased, June 6, 2015 he would drill holes and pour concrete to make the base and on June 13, 2015 work would begin over the next two weekends. The project is to be done by June 28, 2015. The \$1,600.00 cost would be provided by The City of Hollister as well as the Hollister Exchange club to provide disposable supplies. A ribbon cutting ceremony for this project will be scheduled upon completion. Mike Hodges asked for pictures to be taken and a final presentation to this commission once the project is complete. Commissioner De La Cruz asked to be informed of the ribbon cutting ceremony so that some or all of the commissioners could attend.

A motion was made to accept Andrew Pearson's Eagle Scout Project as submitted by Commissioner Gallagher, a second by Commissioner Hawkins. Motion passed 3-0

6.2 City of Hollister Skate Park Plan Review by Tina Garza

Tina Garza, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Hollister spoke about the skate park proposed structure to be located in the old basketball courts. The courts have been overlaid with asphalt. We are awaiting approval from the VPC to move forward with the structure installation. Ms. Garza stated more funds have been asked for as to give the skaters more of what they were requesting. There has been a request to name the park however Ms. Garza asked the commission what the process is to proceed with naming the park. The commissioners stated an existing park naming policy is currently in place and Mike Hodges could share with the City Parks Department.

6.3 User Group Requests

Hollister Heat is making a request for batting cages. George Ramirez, President of Hollister Heat stated there are 350 young women participating currently and additional space is needed to accommodate participant's needs. An area for lesson's and/or practices as well as 1-2 batting cages to be installed in an area that is not currently being utilized. All funds need to make this happen will be covered by Hollister Heat. Commissioner Gallagher asked for the specific location of the batting cages and also voiced his concern over noise for the surrounding neighbor's. No complaints have been received to date. Mike Hodges stated a building permit with inspections for safety is needed. Mr. Ramirez stated that would be his next step.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gallagher to accept Hollister Heat's proposal of two batting cages, a second by Commissioner Hawkins. Motion passed 3-0.

6.4 Park Operation Update by Mike Hodges

Mike Hodges gave an update regarding park rentals. Rentals were down slightly this quarter. Governor Brown has asked for water reduction throughout California by 20%. A user group request was received to work on the lighting in the parking lots and for a traffic study to maximize the efficiency for cars to get in and out of the park in a safe manner. There were a few water line breaks that were quickly fixed. A large amount of the distribution water lines are old and will need replacing

in the near future. There was some small vandalism in the park that was cleaned by county park staff. The back wall on the west side of the park the trees were trimmed back from the neighboring yards. We are waiting for a response from AT&T on the cell tower. The budget for the new fiscal year has been submitted to administration. An increase \$14,000.00 for the utility line item is part of the new budget. This is due to the cost increase for operating the well. This cost will be divided equally among the users. An update to the used contracts to include water costs. There are meters installed to show usage for all users. Users are currently charged for electricity and overhead costs to keep the equipment running for future needs.

Tina Garza informed the Commissioners that there had been a recent water main break. Due to this break, city recreation games had to be rescheduled to other facilities. Tina did ask for the city park staff to look into what parts of the city park fields needed water system piping upgrades.

Joe Horwedel spoke regarding CIP at the parks. There is currently no mapping of where piping is located. The well project was difficult due to this lack of mapping. There is consideration for installing a set of restrooms similar to what San Juan Bautista. It would be a pre-fabricated modular restroom. A second possible project is upgrading the restroom by the new well with city sewer hookups. In doing these upgrades, park user experience would improve. Currently solar lighting is being looked at for the parking lot. The design is for full spectrum to reach maximize lighting. This lighting project will help with after hour security and energy efficiency. The improvements to the existing BBQ pits due to the high volume usage of the park rentals is still planned. Joe has been talk with the city manager about using city park impact fees to reinvest in the county parks. This will provide a better experience for city and county residents. There is money in the budget for upgrades to the Bertha Briggs Building. Public Works is looking into optimized staffing of the parks for improved maintenance tasks and a better park environment for the public.

6.5 Park Water Supply Update-Ken Nattell

Ken Nattell reported that the well is operating as designed. The well supplies all irrigation needs for all the parks with strictly ag water. The only potable water being used is for the snack bar, bathrooms and the west side rental areas. There have been a few breaks due to old infrastructure. Ken has been working with local vendors to find ways to use the system slowly. We are currently running 20psi lighter than what the city did with the potable water. The Babe Ruth flag pole had to have a clamp manufactured. We are in the process of installing soon.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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San Benito County Veterans Memorial Park Commission