

Mayor Sandie Peterson called the special park & rec council meeting to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich and Curt Tauber, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, and City Attorney Aaron Walton.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests present: Park & Rec attendees: Andy Berdan, Lindsay Berdan, Joe Sondag, Savanna Clemon, Heidi Portner, Jessica Moldan, Ashley Juracek, Angie Hartmann, and Warren Juracek.

Mayor Peterson explained that she called this meeting to discuss the park & rec group and the city. and suggested goals for the Park & Rec group.

- For the Lafayette Park & Rec to work towards being a 501 C3 entity.
- To run the park and rec openly –
- Holding meetings that all members (parents) can attend
- She noted that the city's culture fund budget is small and it also covers the mini park and the community center, besides the ball park. For the current budget and next year's budget, the city will continue with the upgrades needed to open the pop shack for next season; water & sewer, water heater, the door replacement, walls and completing the setup.
- City attorney Walton was concerned about hearing that the P&R was using the city EIN, A. Juracek had a letter showing they have had their own EIN since 2009. Since they are not listed on the State's non-profit entities, Walton suggested the first step would be to complete the articles of incorporation and file online to the state, cost \$155. Then they can begin the process to become a 501 C3 organization. Walton said there is now a 501 C3 easy form and he would share examples.
- Once P&R have their status, then the city would like to meet to have an agreement between the City and Park & Rec, to clearly define what each expects of the other.

Other discussion:

- There was concern of gravel on the field – will discuss at the budget workshop
- Bathrooms not used for two years – concerns of issues – will discuss at the budget workshop
- No improvements at the Lund Park – City has put forth effort the past years to complete many items.
- Should shift priority to Lund Park – not mini park – Mini Park needed to get a start, the city is hopeful for donations to continue that area.

With no further discussion there was a motion by Portner and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

Budget workshop & Resolution 2021-15 special meeting, Monday, August 16 and the next Council meeting will be held on Monday September 13, 2021 at the Lafayette City Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette at 7:00 pm.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer