



**City of Newport
Park Board Workshop Meeting
April 28, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Workshop was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Emily White; Anita Perkins; Heidi Tweeten; Paul Hansen;

Board Members absent –

Also present –Matt Yokiell, Executive Director

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson White - Outdoor libraries for the parks nearing completion-final location and mounting needs to be determined.

4. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Anita Perkins
- B. Heidi Tweeten
- C. John Graber
- D. Paul Hansen

Board reports - Heidi Tweeten was interested in furthering “Tree Trek” project for Bailey School Forest. Discussion was had about what information should be included on the signs which led to talking about using the exact signs from same printer that others had used before to reduce cost of the project and make it easier to complete.

Heidi Tweeten was also interested in turning the hockey rinks into off leash dog parks over the summer. Discussion was had about potential insurance costs, the need for a two gate system to prevent dogs from escaping and the possibility of providing bags and garbage cans for owners to clean up after pets.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Capital Improvements Update – Price Quotes
 - 1. Hockey Rink Light Replacement
 - 2. Cemetery Fencing
 - 3. Park Shelter
 - 4. Loveland Park – Irrigation, Outfield Fencing, Shelter

Executive Director Yokiell - Hockey rink lighting bid was approx \$58,000 for Lions park pole and light replacement. Discussion was had about the similarly poor condition of lighting at Loveland and if it was worth the cost to try to maintain two rinks or if the money should be put towards lighting a baseball field or other similar project that would benefit youth athletics.

Red Rock Cemetery fencing quote was approx \$33,000 if the city performed all clearing and grubbing of trees. Quote included 6' decorative fencing on the front side with black vinyl chain link fence around the rest of the perimeter.

Busy Beaver park shelters were quoted at approx \$5,000 each for two proposed shelters if the city provided the concrete and labor. Members asked if Northern Tier Energy had ever been asked for donations for a project like this. Staff will be looking into requesting a donation.

Irrigation quote for two fields at Loveland was approx \$17,500 and approx \$20,000 for the school ball fields. Members had questions about who would pay for water and maintain fields with the additional labor required for maintenance and mowing. Members also asked if other cities charge for outside groups to use their fields to recover some of the costs of maintaining fields.

Outfield homerun fence at Loveland large field quote was approx \$7,000. Fence would be permanent and hopefully help eliminate some of the field damage by vehicles driving on it and not interfere with football field that was laid out by staff last year. NAA requested quotes for fencing at the large field at Loveland.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Workshop ended at 7:45 pm.