

CITY OF YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 21, 2017
5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRESENT Northrop, Stephens, Sehi, Oberle, Nickel and Heskett

ABSENT DeBuhr, Skaden and Riley

Others: Thiele, Folts, Doht and Mayor Stahr

Chairman Stephens presided and advised that the Open Meetings Act is on the east will of the Council Chambers.

MINUTES

Heskett moved and Sehi seconded that the Minutes of February 217, 2017 meeting and the March 7, 2017 meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Northrop, Stephens, Sehi, Oberle, Nickel and Heskett. Absent & Not Voting: DeBuhr, Skaden and Riley. Motion Carried.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Chapter 6 - Parks and Recreation:

The Mayor had the following comments:

Page 100 – The Cornerstone Sports Complex (soccer field) should be included adding 35 acres to the 145 acre listed.

Page 101 – The table should include the Cornerstone Sports Complex

Page 104 – East Hill Park – the Director of Parks and Recreation reported that all of the playground equipment had been inspected and will be replaced if needed – also noted that a sprinkler system needs to be installed in the future.

Page 104 – Beaver Creek Park – Director of Parks and Recreation discussed possible uses of the park and what could be used if the existing ball park is removed in the future.

Page 106 – Harrison Park – The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that a splash pad will be installed – that this park needs to be addressed for future development. The Mayor noted that the proposed trail system noted in the proposed comp plan be removed as there is no safe way to get to the Recharge Lake by pedestrians unless an overpass is constructed over the by-pass.

Page 104 – Miller Park – The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that this park needs picnic tables and shelters to make it more family oriented and maybe a restroom.

Page 104 – Foster Park – the Director of Park and Recreation advised that this park is in

excellent condition – that new trees have been planted and just need to be maintained.

Page 106 - Dog Park – advised that there is a sidewalk along the south side of the old medical clinic to access the park.

Page 106 – Duke Park – the Director of Parks and Recreation advised that there is no playground equipment or restroom and advised that she would like to see it developed as a tot park or maybe a community garden space. The Mayor was concerned with a tot park due to the traffic in this area and thought maybe the construction of “curved” seating.

Page 106 – Mincks Park – The Director of Park and Recreation advised that this park needs a restroom because when the pool is closed, the restroom at the pool is also closed.

The Mayor advised that there needs to be a neighborhood park in west York – west of Division Avenue but funding will be a problem – check possibility of grants.

Chapter 9 – Public Facilities:

Page 163 – Police. The Mayor reported on the joint city/county meetings regarding a joint communication system.

Page 164 – Fire – The Mayor discussed comments from the new Fire Chief regarding the need for a training center and repairs to the building.

The Mayor asked what the Commission thought of a satellite emergency fire/police site near the interstate.

Page 166 – Community Center – The Mayor advised that he and the Park and Recreation Director had met with representative of Wessels Living History Farm regarding moving the museum to the History Farm. The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that they have been “bandaiding” the current building.

Page 167 – Auditorium – The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that they are using the auditorium as a “community center” with batting cages etc and that everything is portable so the equipment can be moved when the auditorium is rented out.

Page 168 – Family Aquatic Center – The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that a slide needs to be replaced and that the chemicals must be removed from the equipment room.

Page 169 – Ballpark Complex – the Director of Parks and Recreation advised that the park needs shade and at present has parking for 370 vehicles but will need more in the future.

Page 169 – Levitt Stadium – good accessibility – does need handrails.

Page 171 – Holthus Convention Center – Mayor advised that if a hotel is going to be constructed in the future and attached to the center, that property on the southwest side of the

center needs to be reserved for such a hotel.

Page 172 – Kilgore Memorial Library – the Mayor advised that the Library Director is doing an excellent job of increasing usage at the library and that a plan for expansion is underway. He has asked that the revitalization study include the library.

Page 173 – Wastewater Treatment Facility – advised that construction is underway on said project.

Page 176 – Water – discussed the water pumping capacity at the well field and if it ever becomes necessary to construct a water treatment facility, that a reserve fund needs to be established to help defray the cost of the same. He also advised that if studies do not support the fact that pvc pipe interacts with the chemicals in the water, that the codes will be amended to allow pvc pipe in York.

Page 177 – Storm water – the Mayor advised that in the future, new developments will need to address the retention or detention of run off – that the City will work with NRD on this.

Page 178 – Landfill. The Director of Public Works advised that there is only about 5 years of usage for the existing cell. The Mayor addressed the possibility of closing the existing site and directing trash be taken to another regional site.

SET NEXT MEETING

The Commission set the next meeting to discuss the comprehensive plan and any other business on April 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:43 o'clock p.m.

C. Jean Thiele, City Clerk