

Fertile City Council Minutes
Park Project Committee Meeting
April 5, 2017

A meeting was held for the park project committee on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Daniel Wilkens and committee members Reid Jensrud and Stanton Wang. Also present were Council member Linda Widrig, Director of Public Works Kevin Nephew and City Administrator Lisa Liden.

Mayor Wilkens called the meeting to order and the first item up for discussion was the size of the new rink that was to be put in the park. Since there is limited room in the park as well as many trees that would need to be removed, the final size of the rink would determine the placement of the warming house/bathroom building and the splash park.

Jensrud said that the official size of an NHL rink is 200 feet by 85 feet and that the size of the current ice rink is 165 by 65. Discussion was then held on whether or not to make the rink NHL size or not and whether it would actually fit in the park layout plan as originally drawn up. It was decided to make the rink 200 by 85 so that there would be plenty of room for skating since the current rink got a little crowded when many people were skating.

Since there wasn't enough space on the current layout plan to accommodate a 200 foot long rink, discussion then turned to various options on where to have the rink in the park and still have space for the new building and the splash park without having to remove a lot of trees and also so the rink and splash pad wouldn't be too close to the street. One option discussed was to redesign the warming house/bathroom building so that the overhang and bathroom entrances were located on the east side of the building. The splash park would then be located directly east of the building.

After exploring several options, it was decided to locate the rink on the far western edge of the park so that the 200 foot length would fit without having to move everything further south to avoid the City well. That location would also work better by avoiding moving a lot of trees since there are fewer trees in that location. The warming house/bathroom building would then fit in just east of the rink and there would be plenty of space for the splash park to be located directly south of the warming house so the original floor plan for the warming house and bathrooms would work.

Discussion then turned to specifications for the building as well as how to properly handle receiving quotes on the construction of the building. Kevin Nephew said that he would continue working with Chris Swenby on the plans for the building and that he would hopefully have updated plans in time for Monday's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator