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**CITY OF CONDON  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
PARK & REC COMMITTEE 11-12-2020  
Thursday, November 12, 2020, 4:00 PM  
CONDON CITY HALL**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Mayor Jim Hassing called the Park & Recreation Committee to order at 4 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Jim Hassing, Councilor Tom Fatland, City Administrator Kathryn Greiner, PW Superintendent Gibb Wilkins; Guests: K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director of the Condon Chamber of Commerce and Steve Shaffer.

**Absent:** Councilor Dawn Parm

**2. Discuss Swimming Pool Operations**



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## **2.1. Steps to Determine Viability of Swimming Pool Operations**

Councilor Fatland stated that after recent discussions with the Condon School District and Gilliam County it needs to be determined if the community wants to keep the pool in operation. CA Greiner recommended that a committee be formed to determine the viability of the school owned pool that would include surveying the community. Lane asked if the City had looked at a Park & Recreation District to fund the pool seasonally or year round, and making it a facility that would include the tennis and basketball courts near the current location. She stressed that the current condition of the tennis courts is in disrepair and is not appealing to visitors when they come to Condon.

Councilor Fatland stated that they have looked into a P&R district in the past and due to the compression of taxes in Condon, other entities would have tax revenue reduced, plus having a small base to pay for the cost of operating the facilities. Shaffer added that he had participated in several attempts for a county-wide P&R district with no success. In response to the operations of a year round facility, CA Greiner stated that City of John Day had recently undertaken a study of a new pool and operations full and seasonal, with the results of a full time pool costing \$500,000 a year and \$90,000 for seasonal. She added that it is not in anyone's budget to do a full time pool facility. Councilor Fatland noted another obstacle in year round is the ability to hire lifeguards. It was discussed that if a new pool would be built it would not be in the same location due to the physical barriers to making it handicapped accessible or expansion. CA Greiner noted that pool costs in John Day's study ranged from \$2.5-7 million and added that she has looked into several grants streams that may be available to assist with the pool build.

Lane asked about redoing the tennis courts as they are currently unusable for that sport, with Councilor Fatland stating that it is not the city's property, nor do they want to take on that property that has issues with drainage and lack of space to expand. The pool and tennis court property is owned by Condon School District and the City is not interested in taking on additional property with the recent acquisition of the Condon Grade School property.

It was discussed about forming a committee of regional interested partners which would form a survey asking the interest of a swimming pool in Condon and how it would be funded. Whether it be a partnership with different districts, counties, cities in Gilliam County or ask Sherman and Wheeler Counties to participate. These will be questions for a committee to determine. Lane and Shaffer volunteered to be on the committee along with Councilor Fatland and Mayor Hassing. They will start to try and gather other members from Arlington, Condon and possibly Wheeler County to start the process.

Lane asked if the swimming pool was going to be operating in 2021. Councilor Fatland said that no lease has been signed by Condon School District with the City, but they are looking at options, plus until they determine the interest in maintaining a pool or closing it permanently. Councilor Fatland added that there are a few fixes that need to be made to the current pool, but it was past time spending a lot of money when it is past its useful age.

## **2.2. Other**

## **3. Other**



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### **3.1. Park & Golf Issues**

Lane asked for more fill under the playground structure and offered a work crew to distribute it. PW Wilkins will check into getting more fill in the spring.

Councilor Fatland asked about the status of getting the water to the golf course and if the grass was going to come back after this last year of no water.. PW Wilkins stated that he is working with Engineer Dave Wildman to get it completed and have city water available by next season. He added that he is planting more trees for wind breaks and looking to plant grass on fairways in the spring. He asked that the City determine how much city water they wanted to use on the golf course and asked for other conservation measures to allow for a greener golf course.

It was discussed what the status was for the golf course clubhouse. CA Greiner stated that she has \$100,000 for improvements at the golf course annually and was waiting for a decision on the clubhouse. She suggested tearing it down and putting in a temporary shelter with concrete floor and continue to look at options with a small kitchen and more bathrooms. CA Greiner thought that tearing it down would not be a problem, but due to lack of construction people, it may take some time to get something built back up. Although, if they were looking at concrete, with the sidewalk project on Main Street and at the new school in 2021-22, it may be a good time for concrete to be poured in the City. It was the recommendation to have the Council decide if the clubhouse can be torn down and an alternative until a building can be placed at the site.

### **3.2. Skate/Bike Park Proposal**

Lane brought a skate/bike park proposal and stated that she had a committee that was ready to look for funds to build it. She has an idea of putting in the skate/bike park along with tennis and basketball courts in the same location and suggested the school district property on South Main Street. She also asked if there is another area that the city could see it located. The Committee suggested that she talk with the school district, but the City would not take on that property due to the limitations, topography and drainage issues.

CA Greiner noted that one consideration is who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep after it was built, plus CIS (City's insurance company) requires that if it is built on City property that they work on design with CIS related contractors. It was noted that the swimming pool was the top priority to determine before taking on a skate park and suggested that the City and Chamber work together to see what they can do on both facilities.

## **4. Adjourn**

Mayor Hassing adjourned the P&R Committee meeting at 4:56 p.m.