

Public Lands & Buildings Committee

The Public Lands & Buildings Committee held a virtual meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 via the Zoom meeting application to discuss the use and reservation of park pavilions, the 2020 pool season and other recreation facilities.

Committee members present were Council members Price, Grushetsky and Frey. Also present were Council members Schlessel, Gambatese, Marko and LoPresti, Mayor Ward, Director of Finance Mary Kovalchik, Director of Law John Luskin, Assistant Director of Law Ray Schmidlin, and Assistant Clerk of Council Kelly Miller.

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM stating they would only be discussing the rules and rental of park pavilions. Mr. Frey inquired whether the pavilions would even be open for use due to the global pandemic. Mayor Ward stated these rules are for when the facilities are fully operational and social gatherings are permitted to take place. He commented there needs to be a system in place when residents are able to host gatherings, with proper signage about the reservation process.

Prior to the meeting, a draft of Park Pavilion Reservation Rules and Information was presented to the committee. Mr. Price stated the city does not currently have a reservation system for the pavilions. He indicated the importance of putting standards in place to make it an enjoyable user experience for all those that want to use the pavilion and to avoid any conflicts.

Mayor Ward explained some of the past problems have included trash and litter being left in the park. By charging a rental fee, residents will be able to reserve a pavilion for a full day of exclusive use; the rental fee would also cover the additional costs to have the pavilion inspected and/or trash removed before and after each use.

Mr. Price mentioned there is no way to anticipate rental usage at this time because there is no historical data. He mentioned the rules are not finalized and are only a summary of recommendations from all the information that was gathered from neighboring communities. Mr. Price recommended the Law Director review the rules to make sure there isn't any legal ease.

Mr. Gambatese offered his support with having a foundation for renting the pavilions. Due to planning, he suggested allowing residents to start making reservations at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Ward expressed a sense of urgency on establishing this reservation process so he can get information published in the summer edition of the Lyndhurst magazine.

It was moved by Mr. Grushetsky, seconded by Mr. Frey, that the committee move forward with establishing guidelines for use and rental of park pavilions including signage.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Price, Chairman