1. CALL TO ORDER

   The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   Approval of the minutes from January 17, 2019 was moved by Ginny Mae Davis and seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Approval of the February 21, 2019 agenda was moved by Ginny Mae Davis and seconded by Victoria Biehn. Motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

   Introductions of committee members and welcomed newest member Mark Cermak.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   Last month Bryan talked about the tables at the Boardwalk Commons being too tall and should be cut down so they will fit better with the chairs. Andy Wietecki reported that he would lower the tables by cutting about one inch off the legs.

6. NEW BUSINESS

   a) Gary Schroeher, Environmental Advisory Commission Chair

      Guest speaker, Gary Schroeher, talked about bringing pollinator friendly plantings into our parks to help with the declining population of butterflies. Gary will be at the Environmental Fair at the last Marketfest. He also talked about trying to bring more recycling to the downtown district with different garbage and recycling containers. Gary works with VLAMO to help with programs for cleaner water.

      Andy reported that the City’s flower program is chemical free so that would not impact pollinator insects.
b) Arbor Day – May 4, 2019

Andy reported on past Arbor Day projects that includes spreading wood chips at Lakewood Hills Frisbee Golf Course and picking up trash. Bryan Belisle suggested that the City concentrate more on buckthorn control in some our City’s parks instead of planting trees. There will be more talks to come.

7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

Andy recently updated the cities Turf Management Program. This program sets the foundation on how we care for the turf in City parks to minimize chemical applications. The program outlines how we keep up the same level of quality turf by aeration, irrigation, frequent mowing and slit seeding.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Ginny asked if the City has a garden club to help maintain some of the gardens around town. City staff reported that at this time the City does not have any such program in place.

Gary directed another question to City staff about the City’s adopt a park program. The language was just updated and an application form was added to the City’s website; however, at this point we do not have any volunteers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Park Commission, the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Bryan Belisle and seconded by Mark Cermak and Mike Shepard.