

PUBLIC HEARING – MISSILE PARK IMPROVEMENTS – MARCH 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kerry Taylor, Council Terrill Anderson, Sue Thompson, Tom Schufman joined the meeting at 6:40.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Robert Smestad Jr

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk, City Engineer Jake Saulsbury

OTHERS PRESENT: Carmein McCurry, Darryl Wrolson, Lorie Dyjor, Dennis Zabell, Phil Kranz, Ryan Doheny, Brooks Ry, Randy Ebert

Public Hearing was held to consider the proposed Missile Park Improvement. Park is located at 8822 Wildwood Ave.

Engineer Saulsbury conducted a presentation describing the project as;

- Existing shed and biff enclosure to be removed
- Expand/Modify Concession Building and construct ADA compliant restroom
- Remove existing playground and install new playground in front of picnic shelter
- Replace Grandstand Plaza, press box, dugouts and storage areas
- Replace stairs and railing near picnic shelter
- Dugout protection fencing
- Water fountain in park
- Water fountains in dugouts
- Removable netting along western property line
- Protective netting near and/over playground
- Replace basketball court striping and backboards
- Light stanchions

Improvements that have been completed:

- Added bullpens
- Increase height of right field fencing
- Painted dugouts and concession stand

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carmein McCurry; 8832 Wildwood Ave.:

Comment: Foul balls falling in her yard between house and barn, will netting be part of the plan, she would like to see screen in 2022. Size of new grandstand.

Answer: City will be applying for a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) grant first; so we will see how that goes. A removal netting may be an option. 2023 at the earliest. Size of grandstand undetermined at this time. Netting will not stop the majority of the balls.

Daryl Wrolson from Landscape Structures in Delano:

Comment: Ideas of doing a community install where the company prices are lower when residents help and if city decides on a different vendor they can still do the playground equipment install. Also renaming the park after a person or company that makes a very large donation. Can add a slide off of the Landscape Structures Play equipment on the plan. Visit Delano's park, very well done.

Mayor asked what's on your wish list? Ryan Doheny - Crown college baseball:

Comment: Would like to see an indoor batting/training area

Answer: No space in current park.

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Phil Kranz – St. Boni Saints and city employee:

Comment: Training area would be nice, but not necessary unless major funds become available, city has done bullpens, fencing, and dugout work to date. Outfield drain tile maintenance should be looked at.

May be better to place the play area closer to county road and what will be in place of current play area?

Grass or concrete.


Dennis Zabell - St Boni Saints

Comment: All great ideas but recommends focusing on the ball field first.

CLOSE HEARING:

Motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Thompson to close the hearing. All aye 4/0.
The meeting closed at 7:08 pm.

ATTEST:



Admin/Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Fisk