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Travis Castle Speaks about Vision Treynor

Travis Castle spoke to the Treynor Optimists on July 7 about Vision Treynor Group. Castle owns American Family Insurance - Travis Castle Agency, Inc. with offices in Bellevue, Treynor, Nebraska City, and Council Bluffs. Castle also works as an Assistant Basketball Coach for the Treynor Boys Basketball program.



R-L: Travis Castle, Doug Wehring

Travis' leadership with Vision Treynor Group, founded in 2010, is as a community volunteer along with other community volunteers who have devoted their time to planning. Doug Wehring, Vision Treynor Treasurer, attended also. The mission statement is to promote public projects that improve Treynor.

TS Bank gave \$500,000 to help buy the 63 acres located in the center of town and close to the school which is the current center of activity in Treynor. A later gift of \$100,000 was also given by TS Bank. Vision Treynor has also received donations from individuals, families, and community groups.

An early survey of the community showed four desires: 1) a pool, 2) Little League fields, 3) a walking trail, and 4) a fitness center. Objectives are to keep the location safe for kids to get to on their own, to impact development of the

community by encouraging housing, and to be a gathering place.

Vision Treynor helped locate the exercise-fitness center in its current location. Vision Treynor owns the building and equipment. The Lovely family run the facility in shared governance. It is self-sustaining. No Vision Treynor funds were used to achieve this goal.

The focus now is to get people out on the site. This summer 12-15 acres of the total 63 acres will be made grade ready and in time to plant grass this fall. All current grading will not require having any dirt hauled in, just moved around. This space will allow enough room for a soccer field and a softball field. There will be a crushed rock road and parking area. The cost of this Phase One is \$420,000. Watch for update coverage in the Nonpareil about the project.



Vision Treynor Master Plan



Vision Treynor Phase 1: Grading Plan

Each phase will be done one at a time and will always be done to grade to fit the overall plan. Part of the land at the very north will be offered for sale for someone wanting to make it a housing development. This will free up money to develop the overall plan. Another plan to raise funds is to offer the right to name one of the fields. Castle expressed thanks to the Clausen family for farming the land and maintaining the property.

Vision Treynor is open to any amenities or projects that anyone wants to present for use of the land.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Thirteen members were present plus 3 guests, Klara Ticer, Travis Castle, and Doug Wehring. After the pledge of allegiance, Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Dee Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, and Gary Funkhouser shared jokes.

Lou Howell won the attendance drawing but was not present. Doug Wehring won the 50/50 raffle.

Dale Willenborg's birthday was observed.

Bragging rights dollars were contributed by Chad Gutttau to announce Jon Jacobsen's Open House/Rally at the Treynor Community Building Thurs., July 12. Gary Gutttau donated on behalf of the girls' softball team great season and their close loss 1-0. Gary also donated to share a zoo docent learning that vanilla is grown in orchards and there are between 25 and 30 thousand species of orchids. John Klein donated to express he was proud of his niece in New York protesting about children and parents being separated at the border.

Klara Ticer was presented her Optimist Scholarship by VP Dale Willenborg.



Klara Ticer with Dale Willenborg

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at noon. Thanks to all who picked up flags. The District Optimist Convention is Aug. 3-5.

The meeting was adjourned with the stating of the Optimist Creed.

Notes today by Dee Gutttau.

Remember: All guests are welcome! Enjoy being informed! The coffee is on and donuts are available.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF IT'S GONNA BE 40 DEGREES TODAY OR 90.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF ONE OF YOUR FIRST JOBS WAS DETASSELING CORN.

July 25 Chuck and Kathy Nielsen

Calendar

July 11 Can Kennel Sorting (Football Team)
Aug 3-5 District Optimist Convention

Programs

July Ann Vorthmann (first 2 weeks)
Chuck Nielsen (last 2 weeks)
August Judy Guttau

Birthdays

July 14 Gary Guttau
July 23 Jerry Hempel
July 27 Jim Clausen

Speakers

July 14 Julie Buckelew, Chest Pain Coordinator,
Methodist Jennie Edmundson, Care of Cardiac
Patient

Anniversaries

July 14 Jeff and Mary Beth Jorgensen

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