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Travis Castle (left), President of Vision Treynor Group, gave an update on The T (Recreation area in Treynor). Also present were two other members of the four member board: Doug Wehring (middle) and Norm Collins (right). All board members are volunteers.

A group of citizens gathered at the Community Building in the fall of 2010 to discuss how the community could be improved with amenities. Vision Treynor was born and filed for a 501©3 (a non-profit organization). The first activity was sending 1000 surveys to residents in the area. 433 were returned indicating four wishes: 1) Little League athletic fields, 2) walking trail, 3) fitness center, and 4) a pool.

The next goal was to find a location and have it be a safe place for kids to access as well as others. Benefits would be an economic impact, increase future residential activity, attract new people to town and impact the sustainability of the school district. In 2012 the first fundraiser raised \$250,000. TS Bank kicked in \$500,000 to buy 63 acres north of the cemetery in town. The property was reduced to 54 acres when land was sold to Heartland Properties for the housing development of 29 lots. All lots are sold.

There were set-backs, but in 2017 after not qualifying for an Iowa West Foundation (IWF) grant, Vision Treynor broke the project into increments. Phase 1: they were able to grade the middle third of the property, the entry road, seed the first soccer and baseball field, irrigate and pay for the water line from Hwy 92.

In 2018-2019 Fox Creek Fundraising was used to help with raising more money. A new request was put into IWF to build out the Little League field, purchase field equipment, build a concession stand, develop infrastructure and bring in electricity and sewer. A

\$511,000 grant was awarded from IWF, which meant once 66% (\$336,000) of that amount was raised by Vision Treynor, then 34% (\$175,000) would be paid by IWF. When the whole project is complete, then a new request could be sought from IWF.

Funding was obtained to build the first Little League field and in 2022 games were played. Practice for soccer and Little League football also started. In October 2022 the Charles E Lakin Family Foundation granted \$336,000 for a Family Pavilion, which gave them naming rights and this completed the grant requirement from IWF.

The concession stand was redesigned to be a pavilion and will include covered areas, a family gathering room (sheltered area), restrooms plus a lease space for special use, perhaps such as a seasonal ice cream shop.

In 2022 Vision Treynor collaborated with Treynor Parks and Trails group, which includes Splash, Tristan's Trail, and Dexter's playground. The group felt it was important to make The T the main gathering area in town. Treynor Parks and Trails now leases space from VT. The Master Plan has been redrawn. The road has been bumped out 11 acres for additional amenities. (See attachments.)

The future: Grading, electricity and sewer are the next needs. Water is hooked up. The pavilion building will be purchased from Roger Webster. It is hoped it can be completed for use by spring of 2024.

The Master Plan includes space for a future basketball court, pickle board court, corn holes, and a Miracle Field, available to all kids. All of this takes a long time and money.

Currently the annual cost to operate the complex is \$12,000. This past year a \$30 per child was charged for a sport, but that is being discontinued this year. A T Board deals with operations and scheduling. Other ways to fund the expenses will be researched.

One of the original desires was a pool, but because it will cost \$4.5 million, the splash pad is replacing that.

Castle had two asks: 1) a welder to volunteer time (not materials) to build out a batting cage. 2) a small tractor or gator that someone doesn't want anymore. This can be considered a tax write-off since this is a 501©3. Castle also asked people to call him if they hear a rumor or have questions. (402-980-2066)

Next week's speaker is Byron Menke who will share about How to Plan for an Estate Sale.

Famous Quote

“The happiest people are those who do the most for others.”

Booker T. Washington

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present. Guests were: Donna and Norm Collins, and Doug Wehring.

Campbell led the pledge and Judy Guttau offered the prayer. Keith Denton, Dee Guttau, and Steve Chambers shared a joke.

50/50: Keith Denton won.

Attendance: Linda Danker's name was drawn, but was unclaimed.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

1. Gary Guttau shared about his "stress test".
2. Gary Guttau announced that they now have renters in their rental house.
3. Dick Fox reported on the amount of moisture they've had. Also his granddaughter's team lost in Class C1 basketball and was called for 4-5 screen fouls, but it was a good game.
4. Jim Clausen bragged on the Iowa's Men's Basketball game last Sat: 11 points down with 55 sec. left and won in overtime, and Caitlin Clark got a 3 pointer to win also in the Women's game.
5. Steve Chambers stated his son Brad's daughter is a freshman at Doane College and was voted Honorable Mention in the basketball conference.
6. Jordan Campbell announced that Briar Cliff College (Connor Sudmann and Madelyn Deitchler play) won their conference tournament and upset last year's champion.
7. Chad Guttau announced that his sister Lyse got engaged.
8. Judy Guttau told about Mick and her attending the National Ethanol Conference

and on display was a car created by Ford (only one of its kind) which was a flex fuel car that uses ethanol and electricity.

Community:

1. The Treynor Pops Concert is Monday, March 13. Mark your calendars for this popular event. Pulled pork will be served. There is also a Legion Fish Fry on the same night.
2. The Jazz Band plays at 2:15 today at Abraham Lincoln School for the Bluffs Jazz Festival.
3. Tonight at 5:30 is the annual Show Choir Festival at Lewis Central.
4. Monday is Treynor's Individual Speech Night at 6 PM.
5. Gary Guttau asked if anyone has a 35mm slide projector he could borrow.
6. See Travis Castle's request above.

Business:

1. Lots of kids from the dance team helped with the Can Kennel Wednesday. Optimists helping were John Klein, Gary Guttau and Gary Funkhouser. They reported the new bags work great and 8 bags at a time can be filled.
2. John Klein circulated the grant application he created for \$2300 to buy 10 trees to be planted for Arbor Day on May 1. The State District Forrester will be present to teach the 66 5th graders who will be divided into 10 teams. Each child will be able to help plant. Mulch has been donated and delivered.

Auction Items: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Calendar

Events

May 1 Mulch Madness 12:30-3:30 PM

Birthdays

Mar 11 Ken Graham

Anniversaries

Mar 8 Keith & Georgia Denton

Programs:

Mar Dee Gutttau (first two weeks)

Apr

Linda Danker (last two weeks)

Keith Denton

John Klein (last Sat.)

May

Dale Willenborg

Speakers

Mar 11

Byron Menke: How to Plan for an Estate Sale – what things people want and what is not of value.

Mar 18

TBA

Mar 25

TBA

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