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Wendy Andersen



Wendy Andersen gave an update about the Splash Pad and Tristan's Trail in "The T" complex in Treynor.

Wendy gave credit to many volunteers who have stepped up to get the land graded. Leo Reiken was a driver of this and many farmers in the area helped with time and equipment.

The Splash Pad is to the right of the building at The T. All the equipment is in storage including the computer panel which takes care of chemicals and chlorination, plus the large recycling tank, but the hold-up is the permit, which was applied for in May. They were told it would take 6-8 weeks. If they get a response soon, a decision needs to be made whether they go ahead or wait until next spring.

The large tank will hold the recycled water. Rainwater can also fill it as well. One requirement by the state is there be a lifeguard for the Splash Pad (because of chemicals that go into the system), but that person can be just on call. The city will be in charge of the lifeguard.

A lot of work was done before Tristan's Trail Run took place in July. The Trail Head has equipment that creates a big obstacle course – large cargo net, horizontal climbing rope, large vertical net, a rope climb. They are still missing an 8 ft. climbing wall. Some more equipment is coming in a few weeks – over/under agility bars, overhead ladder, swinging ring ladder. Wendy stated this was all designed with Tristan White in mind as at any time he would do some of these random things.

There will also be an accessible obstacle course with battle ropes, an accessible hand bike, balance domes, and a slalom course plus parallel bars. One attraction is a 40-yard dash

station where you can set a timer (which runs on solar panels) and your time is flashed. There is no charge for use of the trail head, or the splash pad.

The trail is a wood chip trail. Zimmerman Construction, Minden, hauled all the mulch for free and it was initially recycled mulch from CB. Unfortunately, the first load was construction mulch full of nails (the magnet must have been broken) which required a lot of clean-up. Wendy gave credit to the Treynor football team and the St. Alberts football team for their volunteer work right before the Tristan Trail Run as well as so many other individuals, including Silos for providing lunch.

There is a fully accessible restroom. In addition, there is also an adult changing restroom.

The playground will be focused on after the above work is done. The committee is Brook Curtis, Wendy Andersen, and Lisa White and they have been at this for 7-8 years. They continue to focus on fundraising and they help run Treynor Days, and other Treynor events. The committee right now is in charge of maintenance and problem fixing. The committee wants to keep creating partnerships. Volunteers continue to be needed and will be appreciated.

Future needs/ideas were discussed – trash cans, dog poop bags, natural shading with trees/flowers, a trail that is a more solid surface. Wendy described a dream surface. But it was also mentioned that running/walking on wood chips may be better on the joints.

The \$800,000 state grant has not yet been received and is taking longer to get than hoped.

The trail is currently closed to make sure debris is all out of it. The months for these amenities going forward will be from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Thank you, Wendy and Committee. The dream will come true!

Next week's Program:

MaryAnn Hanusa
Candidate for County Auditor

FAMOUS QUOTE

"Where there's hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again."

Anne Frank

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present.

Visitors today: Wendy Andersen, Mike Holton

The group recited the pledge and Bill Vorthmann gave the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

50/50: Glenrose Meier

Attendance Award: Jon Jacobsen but he was unable to claim.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Judy Gutttau celebrated her birthday and provided breakfast today.

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

- Keith Denton shared that he saw in a trivia book about how Mozart who was deaf was able to write music. He used an iron rod across the piano and bit it which helped him with vibrations.
- Jeff Jorgensen announced that the County Supervisors presented a check for \$125,000 for WestFair's upgrade campaign and will do likewise for East Pott. Fair.
- Jeff Jorgensen also announced there are plans to replace the bridge across Hwy. 92 at Carson.
- He also announced that Mr. Mark Schumacher, Pott. Co. Conservation Director has just retired. John Klein had hired him.

- There was good discussion about Treynor's scrimmage game including about the safety helmets and a drone.
- Steve Chambers contributed stating that his first game he ever coached in was in 1969 at Waseca, MN.
- Gary Gutttau shared that football started in 1952 in Treynor with 6-man football. Gary played Center and was also eligible for passes at that time. The shop teacher at Treynor got football started. Then Gene Stewart was the coach in 1953. They wore leather helmets and no face masks.
- Dale Willenborg said there was a large family reunion of about 100 people held last weekend to honor his dad's 100th birthday.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting is next Saturday at 9:15 to help St. Paul Youth and also flags need to be put up. It was decided to let the Youth group do the sorting and the Optimists will put up flags. Dale Willenborg will seek a youth organization to help with this.

Community Events this week:

- Thurs. Aug 29, the public is invited to attend a presentation of consolidated findings from the Treynor's Tomorrow committees at an Action Forum 5:30-7 PM at the Treynor Community Building. There will be food and drink. A large crowd is hoped for.
- Mike Holton, Treynor City Administrator, shared that he will use the ideas that come out of the meeting for 80% of what he will focus on for the next 5 years. It is important for cities to have a comprehensive plan.
- Fri., Aug 30 – Treynor vs. St. Albert Football at Treynor. Starts at 7 PM.
- It was noted that Zion Congregational Church has a nativity cow – "Moo-ses" that is showing up on family's lawns. It can be removed for \$20. For \$40 it can be requested to go to someone else's yard. The church is seeking to purchase new Christmas decorations.

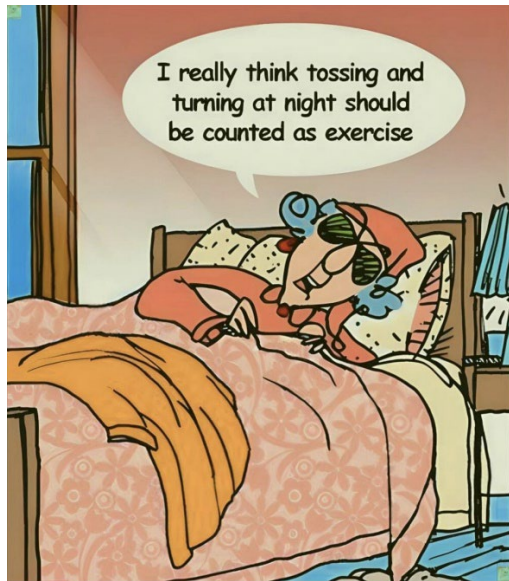
Future:

- Mon. Sept. 2 – Labor Day.
- Fri. Sept. 27 - Treynor Homecoming

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There being no further business, the group recited the Optimist Creed, and the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR



CALENDAR

Events:

Sept. 1 Can Kennel Sorting – St. Paul Youth
9:15 AM
Flags to be put up by Optimists. 9:15 AM.

Birthdays

Sept 1 Joshua Guttau
Sept 16 John Klein
Sept 22 Dee Guttau

Anniversaries:

Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser
Sept 24 Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

Aug Chad Guttau
Sept Jim Clausen (first two)
Bill Vorthmann (last two)
Oct Gary Guttau
Nov Jordan Campbell (first three)
Jerry Hempel (last two)
Dec Mick and Judy Guttau

Speakers

Aug 31 MaryAnn Hanusa, Candidate for County Auditor
Sept 7 Byron Menke, Menke Auction
Sept 14 Vicki Dowling – Part 2 – Treynor History Memories
Sept 21 Russ Maguire - CPR

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