

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Club House – Muscatine Municipal Golf Course

Members Present: Brad Bark, Greg Harper, Janell Kassel, Dana Kraft, and Al Wagner

Members Absent: Tim Riley and Kim Warren

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Les Dennis, and Dan McGinn

Guests Present: Peggy Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the December 4, 2013 regular meeting. Moved by Kassel. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Presentation – Dog Park Initiative

Gordon distributed hand out and discussed the Dog Park Initiative. Please see attached document.

Klimes asked the Commission if they had any issues or objections with establishing a Dog Park on the proposed site. Kraft stated she would like to see more information before moving forward with the project.

There were no objections to a concept plan being developed on the proposed site with the understanding that the Commission would like to see more information before development starts.

Request – Great River Days

Klimes stated set up will be consistent with previous years. Staff's recommendation would be to approve the request at this time.

Commission Member Kraft motioned to approve Great River Days as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Kassel. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic

Klimes discussed HNI's request for their annual Family Fun Day and Picnic.

Commission Member Kassel motioned to approve HNI Family Fun Day and Picnic as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Kraft. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – 36th Annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race

Harper discussed the Melon City Criterium Bike Race request. Weed Park will be closed from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Commission Member Bark motioned to approve the 36th Annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race. Seconded by Commission Member Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Muscatine Walking Club/Recreation Extravaganza

McGinn distributed handout and discussed the Muscatine Walking Club and Recreation Extravaganza. The Extravaganza will take place on January 11th at the Muscatine Mall. The event will be held from 10:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M. There will be about 20 vendors affiliated with the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department there to show the Community what they have to offer.

Demonstration – Golf Simulator

McGinn gave the Commission members a demonstration on the golf simulator.

Other Business

Klimes informed the Commission that Matt Beatty no longer works for the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department. His replacement is Lillian Wellenstein and she will be starting on Monday, January 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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