

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Howell, Brad Bark, Angie Haller, Al Wagner and Dana Kraft

Members Absent: Kim Warren and Jennifer DeFosse

Staff Present: Rich Klimes and Kelsie Stafford

Guests Present: Peggy Gordon, Karen Cooney and Andrew Fangman

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

Motion to approve minutes of the January 10, 2018 regular meeting. Moved by Haller. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Discussion – Special Events

- a. *2018 Melon City Criterium* – Klimes stated the 40th annual Melon City Criterium will take place on Sunday, May 27th. The Aquatic Center will be closed that day due to the event.
- b. *2018 HNI Picnic* – Klimes stated HNI will hold their family picnic on Sunday, August 19th. The Aquatic Center will also be closed that day due to the event.
- c. *Event Calendar* – Klimes distributed and discussed the Special Event Calendar and other upcoming events.

Update – Boat Harbor Fees

Klimes stated the entire docking system has been updated and a security system will be installed soon. Klimes informed the Commission about the 2018 Refer a Friend Special. Boaters can receive a \$50 rebate on their 2018 boat slip fee when they refer a friend who did not rent a slip for the 2017 season.

Update – Department Budget Review

Klimes discussed the Parks and Recreation Department Budgets and informed Commission on items that were approved for the FY 18/19 Budget.

Update – Current Projects

- a. *Dog Park* – The Dog Park Committee was present and gave a general overview of proposed rules and will provide a more formal proposal prior to the next meeting.
- b. *Cemetery Steps Project* – Klimes stated the Cemetery Steps are officially open and the group plans on holding a grand opening for the public on May 10th. There is a \$500 yearly endowment to the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the steps. If at anytime there is not enough money to cover maintenance costs the steps will be closed until more funds are raised.
- c. *West Side Trail Project* – Klimes informed the Commission that the West Side Trail will be going up Houser Street hill, cross to the east side of the road at the Houser Street and Lucas Street intersection and cross back over to the west side of Houser Street near Crossroads.
- d. *Leadership Muscatine Project* – Klimes stated there is a Leadership Muscatine group working on a project to develop a parking lot across the street for the Muscatine Soccer complex. The City has set aside \$360,000.00 to help with funding. An application was submitted to Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust requesting \$140,000.00 to help fund the project as well.

Other Business

Klimes stated Kent Stein Park, the Soccer Complex, and the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course have all opened for the season.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
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