

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Brad Bark, Angie Haller, Al Wagner and Kim Warren

Members Absent: Dana Kraft, Chris Howell and Jennifer DeFosse

Staff Present: Rich Klimes and Nick Gow

Guests Present: Peggy Gordon and Andrew Fangman

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

Motion to approve minutes of the April 4, 2018 regular meeting. Moved by Haller. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Discussion – Dog Park

- a. *Park Rules Review* – Klimes distributed proposed dog park rules. Commission discussed rules and requested the smoking policy state “Smoking and use of tobacco products or their like is prohibited.” Commission also requested to change the water bowl rules to state “Water is provided outside the dog park. Please do not bring in water bowls or leave toys behind as they have been proven to potentially spread disease.”

Commission Member Haller motioned to approve the Dog Park Rules with changes requested. Seconded by Commission Member Warren. No further discussion. All ayes; motion carries.

- b. *Fee Schedule Review* – Klimes distributed fee survey and discussed. Commission member Bark stated he’s spoken with many citizens and most people would request there be no fee. Wagner agreed that he would like to see no fee.

Commission Member Wagner motioned to not charge fees at the Dog Park. Seconded by Commission Member Bark. Two in favor and two against. Motion failed for lack of majority.

Commission Member Warren motioned to charge fees based on the recommendation of the Dog Park Committee. Seconded by Commission Member Haller. Two in favor and two against. Motion failed for lack of majority.

- a. *Code Change* – Fangman stated there’s been a change in the City Code which now allows for off leash use in areas designated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commission Member Haller motioned to approve the City Code change. Seconded by Commission Member Warren. No further discussion. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Cemetery Steps Project Grand Opening

Klimes stated the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery Steps group held two grand openings and the steps are officially now open to the public.

Update – Soccer Lighting Project

Klimes informed the Commission that \$60,000.00 is currently in the budget to replace the security lighting in the soccer complex. Staff will take the project to City Council after July 1st.

Update – Kent Stein Park Control Link Project

Klimes stated \$40,000 was budgeted to complete the Kent Stein Park Control Link Project and it came in under budget. The project will start after the spring season is over in July.

Update – Weed Park Street Lighting Project

Klimes stated \$200,000 was approved to replace all the street lighting in Weed Park. The project will begin once some of the current projects are completed.

Update – Houser Street Parking Expansion and Safety Enhancement Project

Klimes informed the Commission that the land across the street from the Muscatine Soccer Complex has been donated to the City by Kent Corp for development of additional parking and athletic fields. The site will be connected by trails to the Dog Park and Kent Stein Park.

Update – College Search Kickoff Soccer Event

Klimes stated the 23rd Annual College Search Kickoff will take place July 26th – 29th at the Muscatine Soccer Complex. The event is a private tournament that has recently been gifted to the City of Muscatine through the Parks and Recreation Department. We are in need of volunteers so if you would like to help please let us know.

Other Business

Klimes stated Kim Warren and Al Wagner’s Commission term is up once City Council approves the new members at tomorrow night’s meeting. Klimes thanked Warren and Wagner for their commitment to the entire community and the Parks and Recreation Department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
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