

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Jennifer Livermore, Janell Kassel, Tim Riley, Steve Brown, and Larry Buster

Members Absent: Greg Harper and Kim Seligman

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Matt Beatty, Dan McGinn, and Nick Gow

Guests Present: Jason Schillig, Mary Wildermuth, and Chad Winegard

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 4, 2012 regular meeting. Moved by Kassel. Second by Riley. All ayes; motion carries.

Introduction of Phase III Development Committee:

Klimes introduced the Phase III Development Committee. The members of the committee are:

1. Jennifer Livermore – Recreation Advisory Commission/Soccer Community
2. Tim Riley – Recreation Advisory Commission/Kent Stein Community
3. Brad Bark – Small Business Community/Community Health
4. Jason Schillig – Large Business Community
5. Muscatine Foods – Property Owner
6. Mary Wildermuth – Muscatine History and Industry/Grant Writing
7. Nick Gow – City of Muscatine/Athletic Facilities Manager
8. Richard Klimes – Director of Parks and Recreation

Discussion – Phase III Development Project:

Klimes stated Stanley Consultants has volunteered their services for the initial design and cost estimate plan. The concept plan requires 50 parking spots per field. There are currently 8 fields and we are looking to add 4 more. This would give us 12 fields and require 600 parking spots. This concept can be changed if people think additional parking is needed. Once the project is complete parking will be limited on the street from the American Legion to Kent Stein Park. Temporary stop signs will be proposed to be put up during events. Kassel asked if there will be stop signs at entry ways when leaving the facility. Gow stated that will be considered. If the project is approved by City Council and outside funding is established another committee will need to be created and will act as a project steering committee.

Klimes discussed the cost estimates. One option is for grass turf and the other option is for synthetic turf. He informed the group the numbers they have listed in the handout are rounded figures. He asked the committee for their opinions on the estimates. Buster stated there is quite a bit of difference between the two. Klimes states yes, but synthetic fields will provide better

playability all year round. Gow stated there is an ability to paint different sized fields on synthetic turf also. Klimes stated the lines could be permanent or removable.

Gow discussed the operating costs. He informed the committee there are several different techniques that can be used on synthetic turf. There are different types of labor required as well. Buster asked if the committee has approached citizens to see which type of fields they would prefer. Livermore stated the players want a surface that can be used as much as possible. Brown asked what the life expectancy is for synthetic fields. Gow stated it depends on proper maintenance of the turf. Kassel asked what the difference is between the synthetic fields Phase III is looking at and the synthetic field at the high school. Gow stated the high school field is made of different fibers and was built strictly for rugby. Klimes informed the committee an endorsement is needed in order to move forward to City Council with the cost estimate and concept plan.

Motion to recommend the Muscatine City Council approve the Phase III Development Project Concept Plan and (5) five million dollar cost estimate subject to 100% outside funding. Moved by Buster. Second by Kassel. All ayes; motion carries.

Presentation – 2012 Special Event Schedule:

Klimes discussed the 2012 Special Events Schedule.

Presentation – Recent Department Surveys:

Beatty and McGinn discussed the results from recent department surveys which were sent out to the citizens.

Other Business:

Klimes stated the Parks and Recreation Department may start charging nonresident fees soon. He informed the committee this is not a staff recommendation but an administrative decision.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held at City Hall in the lower level conference room at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaw
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