

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Dana LaRue, Gina Othmer, Rick Bierman, Pete Degabriele and Jennifer DeFosse

Members Absent: Chris Howell and Angie Haller

Staff Present: Rich Klimes

Guests Present: Peggy Gordon

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

Motion to approve minutes of the September 4, 2019 regular meeting. Moved by DeFosse. Second by LaRue. All ayes; motion carries.

Review – Parks and Recreation Budgets

Staff discussed the FY 2019/2020 budgets for the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff also distributed and discussed the 2019/2020 Annual Accomplishments for the Parks and Recreation Department. Commission was encouraged to contact staff if there is ever anything they would like to see added to the budget.

Update – Dog Park

Commission was informed that 2020 Dog Park Tags are now being sold in the Parks and Recreation Office.

Dog Park Committee Representative, Peggy Gordon, gave a few updates for the Dog Park. Rotary donated 13 benches to the Dog Park which will be installed soon. Still waiting on the entrance signs for the Dog Park and Pollinator Park. Also waiting on the communication kiosk that will be installed down there. Committee is working on revising the shy/timid sign and will meet on November 18th to discuss further.

Update – Weed Park Street Lighting Project

The new light standards in Weed Park have been installed by MUSCO and are now operating. The old light standards will be removed once staff is available.

Update – West Side Trail Project

The West Side Trail Project has officially started and will connect the Dog Park to Discovery Park. The project will be completed sometime next year.

Update – Houser Street Parking Expansion and Safety Enhancement Project

Lights were installed and will be tested this week. Still waiting on parking blocks and signage.

Update – Trail Marker Project

The Native American Trail Marker will be placed next to the trail on the riverfront near the old bridge pier. A plaque will also be placed there to provide history on the artifact. Big thanks to Commission Member Bierman on all his help with this project.

Other Business

At the last Commission meeting, Haller asked for input on group formatting for youth sports. Staff distributed and discussed the Functional Operating Youth Sports Programs created by the Parks and Recreation Intern that provides information on other cities formatting.

Staff informed Commission that the Clubhouse at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course is available to rent if they or anyone they know are looking at hosting an event during the winter months.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
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