

**MINUTES**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 2, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Janell Kassel, Greg Harper, Kim Warren, Brad Bark, Tim Riley

**Members Absent:** Dana Kraft and Al Wagner

**Guests Present:** Kerry Keller

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

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

*Motion to approve minutes of the December 5, 2012 regular meeting. Moved by Harper. Second by Warren. All ayes; motion carries.*

**Request – Great River Days**

Keller discussed details for the upcoming Great River Days. The event will take place from July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Harper asked where the stage will be located. Keller stated the concert will take place at the same location as last year. Riley asked if everything went well with last year's events. Klimes stated everything went well on the City's side of the event. Keller stated everything went fine on their end as well.

*Motion to approve the event as proposed subject to working out the event location with City Staff. Moved by Bark. Second by Harper.*

**Request – Muscatine Garden Club “Plant It Pink”**

Klimes stated Maryrose Peterschmidt has requested to put a planting bed in the Zoo Garden for the summer of 2013. The plant bed will recognize people who have been affected by breast cancer. This is a special request; therefore, the Recreation Advisory Commission needs to approve it. Warren asked if the Parks and Recreation Department gets many requests. Klimes stated they do, however, the Commission may not see them all. Many requests the department receives are for memorials. If the memorials are damaged the City would not replace them. If someone vandalized the planting bed, the City would not be held accountable to fix it.

*Motion to approve the Plant It Pink request as submitted subject to the City not having a financial responsibility to the care of maintenance. Moved by Kassel. Second by Warren.*

**Request – HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic**

Klimes discussed the annual HNI Picnic. The entire park is closed for this event. Attendance is usually 3,000 to 4,000 people. Warren asked where people park for the event. Klimes stated at the Mall and Muscatine Community College. Buses will be provided to shuttle people back and forth.

*Motion to approve the proposal as submitted by the HNI Corporation. Moved by Riley. Second by Bark.*

**Request – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race**

Harper briefly discussed the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Melon City Criterium Bike Race, which will take place on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Riley asked how many riders usually participate. Harper stated almost 500 people attend.

*Motion to approve the Melon City Criterium request as submitted. Moved by Kassel. Second by Warren.*

**Request – That Was Then. This Is Now. Muscatine Boat Show**

Klimes stated the Boat Show will take place this year from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>. Dave Moritz has requested to close the riverfront to normal activity for the event. Citizens will have access to the boat harbor and ramps though. This event will be free of charge to the community.

*Motion to approve the Boat Show request as submitted. Moved by Warren. Second by Bark.*

**Presentation – Muscatine Walking Club**

Beatty stated the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department will be holding the Recreation Extravaganza at the Muscatine Mall on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Muscatine Walking Club. The event will be free to the public. At 10:00 A.M. local businesses affiliated with the Muscatine Parks and Recreation will be available to provide information on recreational opportunities in the community. The walk will take place at 11:00 A.M. The goal of the Muscatine Walking Club is to reach one million minutes of walking. Klimes stated the idea of the Recreation Extravaganza is to get citizens active and spread the word for local organizations about upcoming events. If organizations are unable to attend, a booth will be provided with their information. Klimes asked the Recreation Advisory Commission to please spread the word for the event.

**Demonstration – Golf Simulator**

McGinn provided handout and gave a demonstration on the golf simulator. McGinn stated the simulator has been running for 3 years and has already paid for itself.

**Other Business**

Klimes stated the ice skating rink should be ready to go by the end of this week.

Warren stated the Candy Cane Hunt was a great event for children.

Beatty informed the Commission the Snow Pile Treasure Hunt will take place on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Muscatine Municipal Clubhouse. Preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will start at 1:00 P.M. Second grade through fifth grade will start at 1:20 P.M. This event will be free to the public.

**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, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaw  
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