

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Club House – Muscatine Municipal Golf Course

Members Present: Al Wagner, Janell Kassel, Greg Harper, and Kim Warren

Members Absent: Brad Bark, Dana Kraft, and Tim Riley

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Lily Wellenstein, Nick Gow, Melissa Baker, and Bill Krueger

Guests Present: Tyson Kassel, Dave Bender, Tom Hammer, Patrick Walsh, Jordan Miller, Jason Walker, and Bill Allen

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

Motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2015 regular meeting. Moved by Harper. Second by Kassel. All ayes; motion carries.

Discussion – Code Review – Chapter 11 – Trees and Shrubs

Klimes distributed hand out and reviewed Chapter 11 – Trees and Shrubs with the Recreation Advisory Commission. A discussion pursued and the Commission was comfortable with the current code at this time.

Presentation – Leadership Muscatine

Tyson Kassel distributed handout and discussed the proposed Leadership Muscatine project. His group would like to add a shelter at the corner of Canon Avenue and River Road. They would like to install an emergency call station as well that will cost \$20 per month. Klimes stated the staff's recommendation at this time is to endorse this project as proposed.

Commission Member Harper motioned to approve the Leadership Muscatine Project as presented. Seconded by Commission Member Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Muscatine Bike Club Trail Amenities

Bender distributed packet and discussed the Running River Trail Improvement Projects. Bender stated they currently have \$2,100.00 to put towards two of the three projects presented. One project is to place a bench next to the trail between University Drive and the Bandag parking lot. The second project is to install a bike repair station next to the restrooms on the riverfront. The third project is to place an information kiosk on the riverfront for citizens. The Commission discussed the projects and were in favor of all three.

Commission Member Kassel motioned to approve the information kiosk and bike repair station in priority, but like the trail bench concept as well. Seconded by Commission Member Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – 2015 Winter Festival

Wellenstein gave an update on the 2015 Winter Festival and informed the Commission that about 475 people attended.

Update – DNR Tree Programs

Gow stated Muscatine is one of eleven communities that has been chosen for the Sustainable Urban Forestry Training and Assistance Program. The Parks and Recreation Department will be training full time staff and would like to include the community as well. We will be participating in the ReLeaf Program, which will allow customers of Alliant Energy to purchase up to two trees for \$25.00 each to help with utility costs. The application deadline is April 24th and you can pick up your trees on May 2nd at the Muscatine Aquatic Center between 8:30 – 10:00 AM. DNR will hold a workshop at 9:15 that morning to show citizens how to properly plant their trees.

Baker stated another program we will be participating in is the Trees for Kids Grant. We will be given \$5,000.00 to purchase new trees for Greenwood Cemetery. Kids will do most of the planting while the Muscatine FFA and teachers supervise. This event will be held September 25th.

Update – 2015 Special Event Calendar

Wellenstein discussed some upcoming events on the Special Event Schedule.

Other Business

Klimes introduced the new Golf Professional, Bill Krueger.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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