

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Greg Harper, Brad Bark, Al Wagner and Angie Haller

Members Absent: Dana Kraft, Kim Warren and Tim Riley

Staff Present: Rich Klimes

Guests Present: None

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

Motion to approve minutes of the March 1, 2017 regular meeting. Moved by Harper. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Weed Park Bike Fix It Station

Klimes stated the Jane McFate Memorial Committee would like to put a bike fix it station at the Jane McFate Shelter in Weed Park. They will provide the station and staff will install it.

Commission Member Haller motioned to approve the request for the bike fix it station in Weed Park. Seconded by Commission Member Wagner. No further discussion. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – March 2017 Storm Damage

Klimes discussed the March 6th tornado in Muscatine. Kent Stein and Tom Bruner Field were hit hard by the tornado. Taylor Park also received some damage from the tornado. The school will be responsible for the damage at Tom Bruner Field. The netting will have to be fixed as well to stop balls from hitting the houses across the street.

There is around \$50,000 to \$60,000 worth of damage in the boat harbor. An excursion boat parked in the harbor hit the transient dock and bent the telescoping spuds that holds the dock in place. The houseboat dock also received damage from this. The long dock did not receive damage though as it is currently out of the river being repaired for the REAP Grant project.

Weed Park received a lot of tree damage from the tornado. Thirty street tree notices were sent out after the storm. Parks and Recreation Staff evaluated the trees and Building and Zoning sent out compliance letters giving the homeowners ten days to address the problem.

Update Projects – Dog Park Project, Aquatic Center Site Review, Cemetery Steps Project, REAP Grant Project, Riverfront Master Plan and Soccer Phase III

Dog Park Project – The Dog Park Committee is still trying to raise money for the project. They've requested to use Weed Park on October 14th for their Barktoberfest event.

Aquatic Center Site Review – The Aquatic Center Site Review will be addressed soon.

Cemetery Steps Project – The Friends of Greenwood Cemetery have requested to start working on Phase II and Phase III of the project which will include lights and a bench. However, they cannot proceed with that until Phase I of the project is complete.

REAP Grant – The Harbor Rip-Rap Maintenance Project has been completed and came in \$2,245.09 under budget. We are requesting final payment for the project at the City Council meeting tomorrow night.

Riverfront Master Plan – There will be a public meeting on May 10th at the Riverview Center to unveil the final plans for the Riverfront Master Plan.

Soccer Phase III – The Mayor's CIAT team is considering adding this project to the CAT Grant.

Update – Special Events

Klimes discussed upcoming special events in April. If you want notification when we make updates to the special event listing please sign up for Notify Me on the City's webpage.

Update – Golf Professional Search

Klimes informed the Commission that we have a new Golf Pro. His name is Dave Crawley and he is moving here from Manhattan, Kansas.

Discussion – 2017 Brochure

Klimes distributed and discussed the 2017 Brochure.

Discussion – Public Property Sponsorship Recognition

Klimes informed the Commission that two diamonds at Kent Stein are currently grandfathered in for a sponsorship program with Muscatine Youth Baseball. Recently the Muscatine Youth Baseball Board submitted a request to add additional diamonds to the program. Klimes asked the Commission how they felt about the request and sponsorships on public property. At this time, the Commission is not interested in expanding the program. However, if it is approved in the future they would like to make it equitable for all usage groups.

Other Business

Klimes stated the Parks and Recreation Department held a job fair on Saturday, March 18th and had about twenty to thirty people attend. We are still looking for lifeguards and a seasonal office clerk so if you know of anyone please encourage them to apply.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
Office Coordinator