

Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board

January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Darrell Eaton at 4:15 p.m.

In attendance

Kim Smith, Joel Greer, Jeffrey Sogge, Darrell Eaton, Janet Weis, Terry Gray

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Greer made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Kim Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report (4:17 p.m.)

Sixteen deer have been harvested in the urban deer program this season. The Urban Deer Hunting Taskforce is meeting again January 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers in City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Neither the skate park project nor the dog park project received funding from Prairie Meadows. The Tony Hawks program did not select our skate park for grant funding this round. Terry will send in another proposal in March for the next fund cycle.

The American Ramp Company sent a 15% coupon/certificate to the Park and Recreation department that could be used in purchased equipment from their company.

Red Cross will not be offering swimming lessons this summer. Chad Weir is meeting with the Red Cross administrators to discuss the city possibly taking over the program.

The city softball complex concession stand contract is due this year. The city has taken bids in the past for the services and negotiates for a percentage of the profits.

A group has been renting out the Coliseum every Saturday night for adult indoor soccer.

Terry is looking for low or no cost shelving for the new department space in the Carnegie Library remodeling project. Shelving cost was not included in the approved plan.

Recreation Report (4:27 p.m.)

Distributed.

French Park (4:30 p.m.)

Terry asked the board members to consider where amenities available at French Park should be relocated in the park system. Terry's recommendations are to relocate the playground equipment to Peterson Park, a restroom to Riverview Park and a parking lot to the Dog Park or Mega 10.

Dog Park (4:40 p.m.)

The Dog Park committee's recommended rules for were distributed. Joel Greer motioned to accept the recommended rules and Jeff Sogge seconded. The motion passed.

CVB suggested requests (4:50 p.m.)

Terry asked the advisory board to continue to discuss ideas to present to the Convention and Visitors' Bureau for grant funding projects.

Budget Cut Considerations (4:55 p.m.)

The city departments have been asked to consider ways to trim their budgets. The Park and Recreation department has discussed possibly start a "carry in – carry out" trash policy for smaller parks. This has worked in Indianola. Another possibility would be altering the mowing cycle. All of the mowing in the park system is contracted out except for Riverview Park.

Other Business

Janet asked the group to consider a few simple guidelines that the city might use as guidelines for naming rights of parks or facilities in the parks

The next meeting will be held February 10, 2010 at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m..