

# Minutes

## **Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

March 17, 2010

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

### **In attendance**

Kim Smith, Joel Greer, Jeffrey Sogge, Todd Eipperle, Tim Bell, Terry Gray

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written.

### **Director's Report**

Since Chad is sending an E-newsletter, it was thought this could take the place of the monthly recreation report. The board agreed that only special reports need to be made.

There will be no trash barrels placed in several (14) of the neighborhood parks. The savings is estimated at about \$750.

The carry in/carry out policy is new for Marshalltown and will be monitored.

An urban deer task force meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers March 24, 2010, at 4:00 p.m..

A service learner group has asked permission to paint the storage container owned by the OHV Club that sits on vacated Marion Street. Terry has urged the club to allow it to be painted and eventually move the container as it is an eyesore.

Aquatic Center discount season pass sales (ends March 26) are down from previous years. Only 40 sold to date. The office set four evenings to remain open until 6:00 to be more customer friendly.

Terry announced that daily hours open to the public will change to 8:30-5:00 beginning April 1. The staff will report at 8:00 and will utilize the ½ hour daily for staff meetings and prep time.

### **Trails**

A grant has been submitted to the Region 6 Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2013 and 2014. With the concurrence of Mike Stegmann, Marshall County Conservation Director, the project application will be for a trail spur to go to from the city trail to Sand Lake. Marty Wymore is submitting the application which is due March 31.

### **Skatepark**

Terry reported that no Anson neighbors attended the meeting, but three sent written responses. Two were very much against placing equipment back at Anson; the one adjacent neighbor was supportive. The committee decided to pursue placing equipment temporarily on the bridge at the proposed new location. Terry is checking into asphalt costs to overlay the bridge or the abandoned road bed leading to the bridge as a place to set the equipment temporarily. An application for Community Foundation grant funds has been submitted.

### **Dog Park**

To date, \$34,331 has been raised. Engraved bricks (107) have been ordered, fence and concrete bids have been let and contractors selected. The project is ready to begin when the weather allows.

### **Summer Brochure**

The cover for this year's brochure was presented. The full size, re-formatted brochure will be mailed to every household as in the past.

### **Naming rights policy**

Discussion centered around weather or not to create a policy and how strict the policy should be. Tim Bell described the process the school district must use. Kim presented her idea which is that the Advisory Board would review all requests and make a recommendation to the City Council. Financial contributions would not be the sole criteria and that no steering committee would have the right to name a new park or facility. Terry will present a draft of policy at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held April 21, 2010 at 4:15 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum Blue Room.

The meeting was adjourned.