

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2008

Opening:

Darrell Eaton called the regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 4:15 p.m. on August 13, 2008 in the Park and Recreation conference room.

Present:

Kim Smith, Joel Greer (4:25 p.m.), Jeffrey Sogge, Todd Eipperle (4:30 p.m.), Darrell Eaton, Janet Weis, Tim Bell, Terry Gray

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Business

1. (4:17 p.m.) Terry reviewed the recreation report for July with the group. She also distributed a spreadsheet that Mr. Weir has created to track a variety of statistics from the Aquatic Center.
2. (4:25 p.m.) There is a city ordinance in place that states alcohol can only be consumed inside the rented shelter or in the adjacent patio area. The group discussed allowing alcohol use in a 50-foot area around the shelters at the last board meeting. By consensus, the group agreed that an ordinance change is not necessary at this time.
3. (4:30 p.m.) Park and recreation submitted and application for REAP grant funding for the Riverview Park trail work. Awards are usually made in around November. She pointed out the parts of the trail that are most likely to be funded initially. The Assistance League has been informed of the need for new playground equipment at Riverview Park. Due to the high cost of repair to update the Apgar Bathhouse, the group recommends demolition of the building in preparation for future park plans. Demolition costs are estimated around \$17,000.
4. (4:40 p.m.) 911 location markers have been placed along the Linn Creek Bike Trail. Park & Rec. staff are needing some guidance on how to approach crack repair and weed control along the trail. Presently, there is not a budget in place for these items. There is \$155,000 in the trail budget that could be used for future trail extensions or repairs. Terry will collect some cost numbers for maintenance of the trail and bring them to the next board meeting.
5. (5:00 p.m.) The campground host would like to have more leniencies in the campground ordinance as far as length of stay. The consensus of the board was to leave the ordinance as it is because we want the campground to remain a recreational facility and not become a residential

campground. Darrell suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce and letting them know that there may be a need for a residential campground in our area.

6. The Lawrence Park residents' meeting was well attended with 20 – 25 neighbors present. Terry, Jeff, Darrell and Joel represented the board. There is very little vandalism in the park. The neighbors liked the idea of repainting the play equipment. The teeter-totter stand has been removed. Only one half of the basketball pad is really necessary. The hoop on the west side of the pad should remain because players would be shooting away from the roadway. Perhaps one or two other neighborhood park visits could be set up in the next 12 months. Todd will check with some scouting groups on possibly helping with the painting of equipment at Lawrence.
7. (5:15) Joel Greer has emailed the Anson Park sign proposal to the president of the Rotary Club. The Marshalltown Garden Club is looking for a project and Terry gave them information about possibly landscaping around the new Anson Park sign once it is funded and installed.
8. (5:20 p.m.) New playground equipment will be installed at Optimist Park September 19 & 20.
9. (5:22 p.m.) Terry reminded the group to observe how other communities provide and maintain restroom facilities and discourage vandalism in their parks and recreation facilities. West End Park's facilities need updating. Points to consider:
 - Porta Potties or flush
 - TP, paper towels, blowers
 - Male, female, unisex
 - Etc.
10. (5:30 p.m.) The Marshalltown Little League has asked the Park & Rec. department to consider a proposal to take over maintenance of the Little League fields. They are struggling with finding enough volunteer time to get the work done. Darrell suggested that the Little League board contact the MFL board and see if together the work could be accomplished for the area.
11. Todd mentioned that he is looking for a site to hold a Boy Scout day camp next June where the scouts could participate in a variety of activities including shooting BB guns and archery. Terry suggests that the scouts write a detailed proposal of their ideas and needs and submit it to Park and Recreation.

Adjournment:

Darrell Eaton adjourned meeting at 5:35 p.m.. The next general meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. on September 10, 2008 in conference room.

Minutes submitted by:

Janet Weis