

Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Opening:

Darrell Eaton called the regular meeting of the Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 4:15 p.m. on February 11, 2009 in the Park & Recreation Conference Room.

Present:

Darrell Eaton, Jeffrey Sogge, Joel Greer, Kim Smith, Tim Bell, Terry Gray, Janet Weis, Todd Eipperle and several MHS government students

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed electronically and were unanimously approved. J. Greer motioned, K. Smith seconded.

Business

- The **Recreation Report (4:18 p.m.)** was distributed by email.
- **Director's report (4:17 p.m.):** Terry noted that the city master plan continues to include updates for Riverview Park. The city budget did not expand to allow extra Park and Recreation part time help this year.
- **Aquatic Center Reports (4:20 p.m.)** The new date for opening of the Aquatic center is June 6, 2009. The date was postponed because the Marshalltown schools will remain open longer than expected due to snow days. There will be no price increase again this year for admission.
- **Skateboard Park (4:21 p.m.)** A public forum will be held at the Coliseum February 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a skateboard park for Marshalltown.
- **Recreational Trail (4:25 p.m.)** There is an Iowa DOT grant that the community has applied for that could fund the extension of the trail from Grimes Farm to the Melbourne link. Notification of the award should be in February. Terry Briggs performed a survey of large cracks in the trail. Terry distributed a form with his findings. Armoring the embankment under the Center Street Bridge with pavement would

cost approximately \$44,800. Baumeier won the bid (\$24,885) for the culvert repair with a deadline of April 15, 2009 for completion.

- **Riverview Park (4:40 p.m.)** The bathhouse has been demolished. The Quonset hut is emptied. The department has about \$20,000 available for new playground equipment, but has not found any community organizations willing to add funds at this time. Repair to the campground bathhouse has begun.
- **Park Assessment Form (4:50 p.m.)** Terry distributed a form that park advisory board members can use to guide their assessments of community parks. Terry also provided a sample visitation schedule so the group could look ahead and know which parks would be discussed at what meeting thorough out the year.
- **Other business:** There is still some interest in the community for a dog park.
The city website has been updated. Terry asks that the board try out the site and note what works well and what need improvement.

Adjournment:

Darrell Eaton adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.. The next general meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. on March 11, 2009 in the Park and Recreation conference room.

Minutes submitted by: Janet Weis