

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

**4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course Clubhouse
2200 Bunker Hill Road Dubuque IA 52001**

PRESENT: Robin Kennicker, Jennifer Tigges (virtual), Ray Werner (virtual), Jess Ochoa (virtual) and Justin Hochberger (virtual)

ABSENT: Hobie Wood and Rob McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Kroger and Kristen Dietz

CALL TO ORDER: Kennicker called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Werner, seconded by Ochoa, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

DISCUSSION OF EB LYONS AGREEMENT:

Commissioner Tigges who also serves on the Friends on the Mines of Spain provided a brief update. Agreement involves the Friends of the Mines of Spain, City of Dubuque, Dubuque County Conservation, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This reopens the EB Lyons Center that has been closed for over two years. Dubuque County Conservation will be managing the EB Lyons Center with the addition of two or more Naturalist and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will maintain the Mines of Spain Recreation area. January 1st is the National First Day hike at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The bills will be split 50/50 between the City of Dubuque and Dubuque County Conservation after \$5,000 is paid by Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This agreement is effective for ten years.

DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS:

Recreation Division Manager Kroger shared how the 1.7 million dollars allocated to the Leisure Services Department will be spent out of the 26.5 million dollars allocated to the City of Dubuque. These federal funds are restricted and can only be spent on certain items. Majority of all projects listed for the department is related to the parks division.

DISCUSSION OF 2023 PROPOSED FEE INCREASES:

Recreation Division Manager Kroger shared the Miller Riverview Campground proposed increase is approximately \$2 to fees across the board. Commissioner Ochoa recommended a higher increase due to the prices of nearby campgrounds to retain additional revenue. The fees have not been increased in

several years. Kroger additionally shared the annual increase of \$10 to Bunker Hill Golf Course annual pass fees. Bunker Hill Golf Course is still the second lowest golf course in the area.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUBMISSION TO RE-CERTIFY DUBUQUE AS A TREE CITY USA:

It was moved by Hochberger, seconded by Werner, to recommend to re-certify Dubuque as a Tree City USA. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

None.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Werner, to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Unanimous.