

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

4:30 p.m., in the snack bar, Bunker Hill Golf Course

PRESENT: Chuck Duggan, Paul Hoffmann, Karen Lyness, Evelyn Nadeau and Mark Noble

ABSENT: Tom Blocklinger and Gary Harjehausen

Staff present: Gil Spence, Pat Prevenas, Bob Fritsch and Eileen Trimble

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE: It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Nadeau, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH WATER TRAIL ALONG RIVER; VOTE: Leisure Services Manager Gil Spence explained that the City is working with the Mines of Spain and the County Conservation Board to establish a water trail along the Mississippi River. The idea is a trail for paddle boaters (canoes, kayaks, et cetera). This Iowa Department of Natural Resource grant program would provide \$8,000 which would be used mostly for signage along the river, and also printing maps and fliers, et cetera. The City would be the main sponsor of the grant. Commissioner Nadeau asked what the ongoing expense would be after the initial funding, and Manager Spence said it should not be too much.

It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Noble, to support the grant application to establish a water trail along the Mississippi River. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE FEE INCREASE FOR ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT; VOTE: Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas told commissioners that the \$60 entry for this year's alumni tournament was approved in last year's budget process. We just found out we lost the sponsor we had for the last few years, which was a \$750 loss. We would like to raise the entry fee from \$60 to \$68 to cover part of that loss; the tournament would still run at a loss. We are looking for a new sponsor but don't want to hold up getting information out to teams so we need to decide on the fee now.

Commissioner Duggan asked if we could put some kind of note on the information being sent out that we are looking for a new sponsor; Mr. Prevenas said we would add that note.

It was moved by Nadeau, seconded by Hoffmann, to approve the \$8 fee increase for the alumni tournament, from \$60 to \$68. The motion passed unanimously.

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PARK DIVISION  
REPORT:

Park Division Manager Bob Fritsch updated commissioners:

♦ Crews have all been working on snow removal all day; will take several days to get all our locations taken care of. ♦ Central High School students are helping to repair picnic tables; ♦ we are getting ready for ice rinks; ♦ Fred Becker made a limestone bench to go at newly renovated Eagle Point Park tennis courts; ♦ Hillcrest has had a good start to lights display at Murphy Park; ♦ getting ready to seed flowers; ♦ There was a break-in at the Ertl building (tree crew) on Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend – the computer system, 8 saws and a hand-held radio were all stolen. They crawled in through a galvanized metal exhaust fan.

RECREATION  
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REPORT:

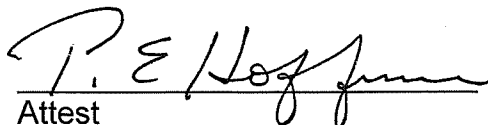
Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas updated commissioners:

♦ Mr. Prevenas passed around a golf data sheet that shows figures tracked nationally. Bunker Hill Golf Course is down about 1.5% from last season but Iowa and other states around us are worse. ♦ Therapeutic dance was held last Thursday with 46 participants – considering not holding this particular dance in December next year because of low participation both last year and this year; ♦ pool concession bids are out and due back January 7th; ♦ winter/spring brochure is at the printer now and will be available January 2nd; ♦ had budget hearing with the City Manager and everything went well

ADJOURN;  
VOTE:

It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Duggan, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Attest