

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
4:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Bunker Hill Golf Course

- PRESENT: Chuck Duggan, Paul Hoffmann, Karen Lyness and Evelyn Nadeau
- ABSENT: Tom Blocklinger, Gary Harjehausen and Mark Noble
- OTHERS: Staff present: Gil Spence and Eileen Trimble
- MINUTES APPROVED;
VOTE: It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Nadeau, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- RAISE FEE FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES;
VOTE: Leisure Services Manager Gil Spence explained that the subject of memorial bench fees came up in a discussion about development at Usha Park. The City Manager asked what our total cost is, including installation, when we place a memorial bench. Mr. Spence said the total cost of everything involved, including the cost of the bench is approximately \$800. The City Manager proposed the fee be raised to \$800 to cover the entire cost.
- It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Lyness, to raise the fee from \$300 to \$800 to have a memorial bench placed in a park. The motion passed unanimously.
- UPDATE ON EAGLE POINT PARK 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Mr. Spence reported the following regarding Eagle Point's 100th birthday:
- ◆ There will be an article in Sunday's paper by Andy Piper;
 - ◆ Mr. Spence was interviewed by KDTH;
 - ◆ we have contract with Main Street Jazz Band to play at the park on August 2nd and we are working to schedule Jabberbox (more youthful band) and the Tri-State Wind Symphony. We would like to close out the night with the Wind Symphony.
- We will push to find someone that worked on the buildings to come forward and be present to talk to people. Commissioner Nadeau suggested maybe we could have a historian on hand to talk on WPA.
- PARK DIVISION REPORT: Park Division Manager Bob Fritsch was at the City Expo; in his absence Mr. Spence updated commissioners:
- ◆ park opening day is fast approaching and staff is working on getting facilities ready; we expect a good year.
 - ◆ The Assistant Gardener is still working on Public Works payroll but he did get to areas and put new mulch down and some pansies have been planted at the Port of Dubuque.

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RECREATION
DIVISION
REPORT:

Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas was at the City Expo; in his absence Mr. Spence updated commissioners:

◆ **Golf:** course opened March 17th and there were 470 rounds in March; highest since 2002 when there were 575 March rounds; Good Friday there were 135 golfers; 16 new season pass purchasers this year. ◆ Fall report was distributed and may be found as part of the original minutes. **Uptown** open gym program was very successful this year

OTHER
BUSINESS:

Pet Park: Mr. Spence explained that he was going to recommend to the City Council on April 20th that the new park be located one of the rugby fields at McAleece, per the City Manager but now the ice arena group has been approached by a pro team and they need 3,000 seats to draw that team here. The pro team would put up the additional cost for the building but they need more of the field. They also need 1,200 to 1,500 parking spaces for 3,000 more people so parking would be an issue. Now, nothing will go to the City Council until this has been settled.

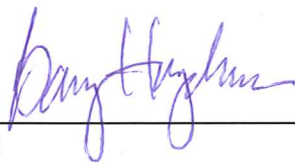
Roosevelt Park: RFP's are now out for professional services for development of a master plan for Roosevelt Park development – maybe incorporate a mountain bike trail, ballfields, restore a lead mine, et cetera.

ADJOURN;
VOTE:

It was moved by Hoffmann, seconded by Nadeau, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Chairperson



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