

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
4:30 p.m., Aigler Auditorium Carnegie Stout Library

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Hobie Wood, Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Ray Werner

ABSENT: Robert McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware and Steve Fehsal

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairperson, Ray Werner at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2020 MINUTES AND JANUARY 14, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting with adding unanimous approval of the park and recreation division FY21 operating and improvement level budget. Wood seconded. Unanimous. Kennicker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 special meeting. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

REQUEST FROM ORDER OF THE ARROW TO WAIVE EAGLE POINT PARK ENTRANCE FEE ON MOTHER'S DAY FOR THOSE ATTENDING PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Boris Miller, Boy Scout and Curtis Dewulf, Adult Advisor were present to represent the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow requested to waive the entrance fee to Eagle Point Park for attendees at their 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. In return for waiving the entrance fee, the Boy Scouts will perform a clean-up day at Eagle Point Park. Attendance is close to 1000 on average. Tigges made a motion to waive the entrance fee to Eagle Point Park on Mother's Day for those attending the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Chairperson Rebecca Kuhle arrived at 4:55 p.m.

REVIEW AND INPUT REGARDING 28E PARTNERSHIP OUTLINE FOR NEW PARTNERSHIP AT MINES OF SPAIN RECREATION AREA AND E.B. LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER:

Leisure Services Manager Ware shared details of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area 28E Outline. The Commission agreed the partnership is beneficial commenting that our community will partner to keep Mines of Spain going and open as a beautiful area and destination. They commented Mines of Spain is like a gateway to Iowa being also the first Iowa city and first settlement

area. Tigges serves on the committee working on the agreement and shared that there is hope that we can serve more schools as last year half of the requests were turned away. Kennicker made a motion to recommend approval of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area 28E Outline. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

JACKSON PARK RESTROOM UPDATE:

Park Division Manager, Fehsal shared general design. The design will go to the Historic Preservation Commission for review. The restrooms are very important as the park is heavily used and is place of many events and start of parades. It was a priority of earlier Park and Recreation Commissions. The budget for this restroom is \$250,000. It likely will be a prefab but has facing complementing historic neighborhood. Both restrooms will be gender neutral and there will be a water fountain. The Commission liked the design. Staff will share more details in the future as plans progress.

DISCUSSION OF FEES RELATED TO LEASES WITH PARKS:

Park Division Manager, Fehsal reviewed park leases, terms and fees paid as a part of the leases and responsibilities. The Commission reviewed Hillcrest Family Services (Festival of Lights), Dubuque Water Sports Club, Tr-State Modelers Club, Children's Zoo, Farm Lease – Robert Bradley, Dubuque Community Ice and Recreation Center, Dubuque Girl's Independent Softball League, Four Mounds Foundation and Dubuque Arboretum leases. The Commission requested consideration to streamline/standardized fees between balancing with leases. The Commission asked are what other communities do. Commission members, Garrett and Tigges volunteered to help Park Division Manager Fehsal review information at a future meeting and potentially provide recommendations. The Zoo and Modelers leases will be on the next agenda.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FUNDRAISING AND NAMING REQUEST – DUBUQUE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR MATHIAS HAM SITE:

The Commission reviewed request to of the fundraising and naming regarding the Mathias Ham Site. Kennicker made a motion to recommend fundraising and naming request for the Dubuque County Historical Society for Mathias Ham Site to the City Council. Garrett seconded. Unanimous.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF USAGE AGREEMENTS:

The Commission reviewed the of Usage Agreement for Clarke University. Garrett made a motion to recommend usage agreement for Clarke University to the City Council. Kennicker seconded. Unanimous. The Loras College Agreement will be on a future agenda.

NEXT STEPS AND/OR RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED PETS IN PARKS ORDINANCE:

Park Division Manager Fehsal reviewed citizen input. Commission member Kennicker noted the good amount of people at the public meeting and good to hear some of the opinions. The ordinance draft was updated with the working

“shall” impound to “may” impound based upon Public Health Specialist, Mary Rose Corrigan and support of Pet-Friendly Community Work Group. Commission agreed that the change was good. Pet-Friendly Community Work Group summary was provided. The Commission asked about liability concerns expressed at the public meeting and Park Division Manager Fehsal will provide City Attorney’s opinion. The Commission liked the educational components discussed. The Commission talked about implementation timeline of the ordinance, if approved by Council and staff will present more details at a special meeting of the Commission to be held on February 20, 2020 at Bunker Hill at 5:30 p.m. that will be with the City Council agenda item. The Commission will review a letter drafted by Chairperson, Kuhle at the special meeting. Wood made the motion to recommend approval of the pets in the majority of parks ordinance to the City Council as presented in packet. Tigges seconded. Unanimous.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION/QUESTIONS:

Commissioner Tigges suggested a review of the 2020 Travel Dubuque Guide as some information may not be accurate.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Unanimous.