

**MINUTES**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 1, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Janell Kassel, Greg Harper, Tim Riley, Al Wagner, Kim Warren, and Brad Bark

**Members Absent:** Dana Kraft

**Staff Present:** Rich Klimes, Mark Even, Les Dennis, and Randy Moeller

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Introduction of the Recreation Advisory Commission:**

Klimes introduced the Recreation Advisory Commission. The members of the commission are:

1. Dana Kraft – Soccer Community
2. Janell Kassel – Adult Sports/Golf Course
3. Greg Harper – Trails/Biking
4. Tim Riley – Kent Stein Community
5. Brad Bark – Business Community/Special Events
6. Al Wagner – Adopt A Park/Geocaching group
7. Kim Warren – Youth Activities/United Way

**Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Bark moved to elect Tim Riley as Chairperson. Second by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

Riley moved to elect Greg Harper as Vice-Chairperson. Second by Bark. All ayes; motion carries.

*Motion to approve minutes of the June 6, 2012 regular meeting. Moved by Bark. Second by Kassel. All ayes; motion carries.*

**Overview – Parks and Recreation System**

Klimes gave a brief overview of the Parks and Recreation system.

**Deer Management Plan**

Even briefly discussed the proficiency test qualifications. The test consisted of successfully shooting 3 of 5 arrows in a five inch circle from a 20 yard distance. Only two chances are allowed in one day. He stated 47 deer were killed during last year's hunt. Klimes stated the Deer Hunt must be approved each year by City Council.

**Weed Park Central Corridor Plan**

Klimes stated he would like 1 or 2 commission members to be on a subcommittee to discuss a central Weed Park master plan. Wagner, Warren, Riley, Bark, and Kassel stated they would like

to volunteer. Klimes stated it will be a formal meeting with minutes since there will be four or more commission members in attendance.

#### **Eversmeyer Park Amenities Petition**

Klimes stated the Parks and Recreation Department received a petition from citizens requesting trash cans and restrooms at Eversmeyer Park. There are currently no restroom facilities in the park. Also, the neighbor who lives next door does not like the idea of adding one. If restrooms were established here they would need to be in ADA compliance, which might be difficult. All were in favor of no restrooms being placed in the park at this time.

#### **Update – Golf Course Irrigation Project**

Moeller stated the fairway irrigation system is over thirty years old and needs replaced. The first meeting with the engineer will be held next Wednesday. He stated they hope to have the project completed this fall.

Moeller stated both irrigation system wells went dry. The repairs were made in a timely manor.

Moeller stated tee box 3 is currently closed due to poor soil. It was reseeded two weeks ago and is starting to grow back.

#### **Update – Lucas Street Park Basketball Court Project**

Dennis stated the Parks and Recreation Department received a lot of complaints from citizens last year on the Lucas Street Basketball Court. During last year's budget process, City Council approved replacement of the basketball court. The project was done in house and completed in June. The savings from this project allowed for funding of the Entrance Shelter roof project.

#### **Update – Entrance Shelter Project**

Dennis stated the original plan was to just reroof the shelter. Once the project was started they realized the trusses needed replaced too. The project was completed at the end of July.

#### **Update – Lagoon Shelter Project**

Dennis stated the Leadership Muscatine group raised \$22,000 from the community to replace this shelter. The old shelter has been torn down and the new 30x30 shelter has been ordered.

#### **Request – Street Tree Committee**

Klimes stated a Street Tree Committee was developed a few years ago to discuss trees in the community. Jennifer Livermore, who is no longer with the Commission, was on this committee. Klimes asked if anyone would like to join the committee in her place. Wagner stated he would do it.

#### **Other Business**

Klimes provided a letter from the Mayor requesting a band shell be put on the riverfront. Bark stated he would like to see more information. Harper stated the band stand we currently have is never used. Klimes stated Great River Days had this request a few years back as well. Riley stated he liked the idea if it would get used. Kassel stated she did not like the proposed location. Warren stated she would like to see more of a plan that would include additional locations. The

committee agreed they would like to see more information before they felt comfortable considering the request.

Riley asked Klimes what needs to be done to get a flag pole at center field behind diamond four. Klimes told Riley to send him a letter of intent with all the details and they would go from there.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held at City Hall in the lower level conference room at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaw  
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