

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
****Riverview Center****

Members Present: Gina Othmer, Pete Degabriele, Rick Bierman and Brad Bark

Members Absent: Angie Haller, Dana LaRue and Jennifer DeFosse

Staff Present: Rich Klimes

Guests Present: None

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

Minutes of the November 4, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Discussion – Parks Tobacco Use Policy

The Healthy Hometowns group is interested in changing the City's Tobacco Policy. The group will attend a future meeting to discuss a policy change and ask for endorsement from the Commission.

Discussion – Community Splash Pads

Staff informed the Commission that there is a private donor interested in adding a couple splash pads to the south end quadrant. Commission was in favor of the idea.

Discussion – Community All-Inclusive Playgrounds

A Kiwanis group is interested in putting an all-inclusive playground somewhere within the park system. A private donor would also like to add an all-inclusive playground in the south end quadrant. Looking at possibly upgrading the Musser Park playground and making the Taylor Park playground all-inclusive. Commission was in favor of the idea.

Discussion – Muscatine Slough Improvements

A private donor has interest in improving the slough area and connecting Taylor Park to the slough and Houser Street Trail. Commission was in favor of the idea and would also like to see fishing piers added to the bridge.

Update – Special Event Listing

Staff distributed and discussed the most recent Special Event Listing.

Update – Athletic Facilities Guidelines

Staff distributed and discussed the following documents for Kent Stein Park: Facility Guidelines, Scheduling Guidelines and Fee Guidelines.

Commission Member Degabriele motioned to endorse the guidelines for Kent Stein Park as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Othmer. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Projects

Staff gave an update on the following projects:

- a. *FEMA Riverfront Fence* – Project is now complete
- b. *Houseboat Dock Spud Pole System* – Will be replaced soon
- c. *Soccer West Drainage Improvement* – Will start Spring of 2021
- d. *Soccer Complex Irrigation* – Will start after August 1st
- e. *Riverfront Men's Restroom* – Vandalized and currently waiting for parts to complete repairs
- f. *Kent Stein Park Diamonds 9 and 10* – Staff currently in the process of converting them for baseball and softball use

Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
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