

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
****Musser Park Shelter****

Members Present: Brad Bark, Sarah Hoeg, Pete Degabriele, and Jennifer DeFosse

Members Absent: Gina Othmer, Dana LaRue and Rick Bierman

Staff Present: Rich Klimes and Nick Gow

Guests Present: Connie Root, Greg Harper and Linda Hatfield

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

Minutes of the July 7, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Discussion with possible action – Family Trailhead Memorial Request

Staff discussed a request for a memorial shelter in honor of Charles Harper. The shelter would be placed on Houser Street between Soccer West and the trail near the crosswalk. Staff recommendation would be to move forward with the request as submitted.

Harper family was in attendance and Charles was recognized as a great contributor to the community.

Commission Member DeFosse motioned to approve staff recommendation to move forward with the Charles Harper Memorial Request as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Hoeg. All ayes; motion carries.

Presentation with action – South End Improvement Fund Projects

A private donor wanted to enhance parks and recreation facilities in the south area of Muscatine. The four phases of the projects were put together based on input from citizens, the steering committee and City staff. A public meeting was held last Wednesday and many positive comments were received. Tomorrow night will be a formal presentation at the City Council meeting to approve the projects.

Phase 1 – Enhanced Oregon Street Crossing

Priority A:

- Install a HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) on Oregon Street

Phase 2 – Taylor Park Enhancements

Priority A:

- All-Inclusive features added to existing playground
- Splash pad will be installed
- Pickleball courts will be installed
- Three seasons restroom will be installed
- Parking lot with 24 stalls will be added to include an additional 4 spots next to Bond Street
- Add a new 24' x 24' shelter to include handicap accessible pathway

Phase 3 – Musser Park Enhancements

Priority A:

- All-Inclusive features added to existing playground
- Replace existing shelter with new 24' x 24' shelter to include handicap accessible pathway
- Extend riverfront trail to Oregon Street
- Improve park drainage at the trail head

Phase 4 – Kent Stein Park Enhancements

Priority A:

- Existing Sunset Housing playgrounds will be improved and a new one will be placed in the center of Sunset Park

Priority B:

- Two new 24' x 24' shelters will be installed
- Causeway trail connecting Kent Stein Park to Soccer Complex will be paved and the access between Soccer Complex and Sunset Housing will be improved.

Associated maintenance tasks for proposed projects were discussed. Staff recommendation would be to approve the South End Improvement Fund Projects as presented.

Commission Member Degabriele motioned to approve the South End Improvement Fund Projects as presented by the Parks and Recreation Staff. Seconded by Commission Member DeFosse. All ayes; motion carries.

Other Business

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting will take place at the Dog Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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